





1. How useful is the information the school gives you about the academic growth of your child?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely useful		13.8%	40
Very useful		48.4%	140
Slightly useful		33.9%	98
Not at all useful		3.8%	11
		answered question	289
		skipped question	8

2. FOR PARENTS WITH A STUDENT IN GRADES K-4: Is your child required to do too much homework, too little homework, or about the right amount of homework?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Much too much		6.5%	10
Slightly too much		11.0%	17
About the right amount		70.1%	108
Slightly too little		12.3%	19
Much too little		0.0%	0
		answered question	154
		skipped question	143





3. FOR PARENTS WITH A STUDENT IN GRADES 5-8: Is your child required to do too much homework, too little homework, or about the right amount of homework?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Much too much		8.6%	12
Slightly too much		20.1%	28
About the right amount		63.3%	88
Slightly too little		7.2%	10
Much too little		0.7%	1
		answered question	139
		skipped question	158





4. FOR PARENTS WITH A STUDENT IN GRADES 9-12: Is your child required to do too much homework, too little homework, or about the right amount of homework?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Much too much		9.9%	14
Slightly too much		22.5%	32
About the right amount		54.9%	78
Slightly too little		9.2%	13
Much too little		3.5%	5
		answered question	142
		skipped question	155

5. How well does CA schools consider the individual needs of students?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely well		7.3%	21
Very well		37.0%	107
Slightly well		43.3%	125
Not at all well		12.5%	36
answered question			289
skipped question			8

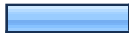




6. How well does CA schools support your child's social development?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely well		9.7%	28
Very well		37.4%	108
Slightly well		42.9%	124
Not at all well		10.0%	29
answered question			289
skipped question			8

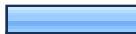



7. How high are the expectations for students at CA schools?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely high		9.4%	27
Very high		21.2%	61
Moderately high		36.5%	105
Slightly high		20.1%	58
Not at all high		12.8%	37
		answered question	288
		skipped question	9

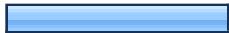




8. How fairly do the teachers treat the students?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely fairly		10.5%	30
Very fairly		42.9%	123
Moderately fairly		31.4%	90
Slightly fairly		11.5%	33
Not at all fairly		3.8%	11
		answered question	287
		skipped question	10





9. How appropriate are the discipline practices at school?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely appropriate		11.2%	30
Very appropriate		45.7%	123
Slightly appropriate		34.9%	94
Not at all appropriate		8.2%	22
		Comments	69
		answered question	269
		skipped question	28

10. How safe does your child feel at school?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely safe		19.1%	55
Very safe		47.6%	137
Moderately safe		26.4%	76
Slightly safe		5.9%	17
Not at all safe		1.0%	3
		answered question	288
		skipped question	9




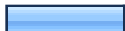

11. FOR PARENTS OF K-4 STUDENTS ONLY: Do classes at this school START too early, too late, or at about the right time?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Much too early		1.3%	2
Somewhat too early		3.3%	5
About the right time		86.8%	131
Somewhat too late		8.6%	13
Much too late		0.0%	0
		answered question	151
		skipped question	146






12. FOR PARENTS OF 5-12 STUDENTS ONLY: Do classes at this school START too early, too late, or at about the right time?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Much too early		4.5%	9
Somewhat too early		16.8%	34
About the right time		78.7%	159
Somewhat too late		0.0%	0
Much too late		0.0%	0
		answered question	202
		skipped question	95

13. FOR PARENTS OF K-4 STUDENTS ONLY: Do classes at this school END too early, too late, or at about the right time?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Much too early		1.4%	2
Somewhat too early		6.8%	10
About the right time		80.4%	119
Somewhat too late		10.1%	15
Much too late		1.4%	2
		answered question	148
		skipped question	149

14. FOR PARENTS OF 5-12 STUDENTS ONLY: Do classes at this school END too early, too late, or at about the right time?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Much too early		1.9%	4
Somewhat too early		16.3%	34
About the right time		77.0%	161
Somewhat too late		2.4%	5
Much too late		2.4%	5
answered question			209
skipped question			88

15. What are the strengths of CA schools?

	Response Count
	175
answered question	175
skipped question	122

16. What are the weaknesses of CA schools?

	Response Count
	173
answered question	173
skipped question	124




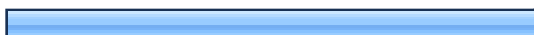
17. What suggestions do you have for improving CA schools?

	Response Count
	148
answered question	148
skipped question	149

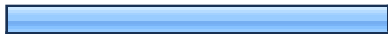



18. Overall, rate your satisfaction with the quality of instruction at CA schools:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely satisfied		21.2%	63
Moderately satisfied		51.9%	154
Slightly satisfied		13.5%	40
Slightly dissatisfied		5.7%	17
Moderately dissatisfied		3.7%	11
Extremely dissatisfied		4.0%	12
		answered question	297
		skipped question	0

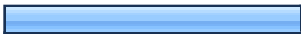



19. Which schools do your children currently attend?

		Response Percent	Response Count
EJ Arthur		21.9%	62
Coxsackie Elem.		30.4%	86
Middle School		47.3%	134
High School		45.9%	130
		answered question	283
		skipped question	14

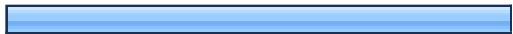



20. CA schools have high standards for student achievement.

		Response Percent	Response Count
True		33.1%	89
More True than False		45.7%	123
More False than True		18.6%	50
False		2.6%	7
		Comment	38
		answered question	269
		skipped question	28





21. CA schools have high standards for teaching.

		Response Percent	Response Count
True		25.7%	69
More True than False		53.7%	144
More False than True		17.2%	46
False		3.4%	9
		Comment	47
		answered question	268
		skipped question	29





22. I feel confident that teachers at my child's school will work with me to help my child succeed.

		Response Percent	Response Count
True		44.0%	122
More True than False		37.9%	105
More False than True		13.7%	38
False		4.3%	12
		Comment	46
		answered question	277
		skipped question	20





23. Teachers at my child's school assume most of the responsibility when students fail.

		Response Percent	Response Count
True		5.5%	13
More True than False		24.1%	57
More False than True		45.1%	107
False		25.3%	60
answered question			237
skipped question			60

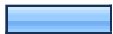



24. I am comfortable voicing my concerns to administrators at my child's school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
True		50.5%	143
More True than False		26.5%	75
More False than True		15.5%	44
False		7.4%	21
answered question			283
skipped question			14

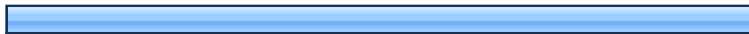



25. Teachers and administrators at school make me feel like I'm part of the school community.

		Response Percent	Response Count
True		38.5%	109
More True than False		35.3%	100
More False than True		18.7%	53
False		7.4%	21
		answered question	283
		skipped question	14

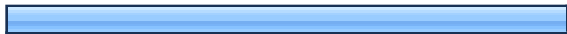



26. I feel nervous and apprehensive when I have to call or visit a CA school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
True		8.8%	25
More True than False		11.3%	32
More False than True		21.6%	61
False		58.3%	165
Clarify your answer if you wish			29
answered question			283
skipped question			14




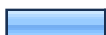
27. I feel comfortable talking with teachers about my child.

		Response Percent	Response Count
True		65.0%	184
More True than False		24.4%	69
More False than True		8.5%	24
False		2.1%	6
Clarify your answer if you wish			28
answered question			283
skipped question			14





28. I feel really comfortable each time I call or visit this school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
True		48.8%	138
More True than False		31.4%	89
More False than True		14.1%	40
False		5.7%	16
Clarify your answer if you wish			25
answered question			283
skipped question			14




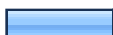
29. How often in the past 12 months have you attended meetings or conferences with your child/children's teachers?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Never		17.8%	49
1-2 times		45.8%	126
3-5 times		28.0%	77
More than 5 times		8.4%	23
answered question			275
skipped question			22





30. How often in the past 12 months have you attended school-wide special events?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Never		10.2%	28
1-2 times		18.2%	50
3-5 times		24.1%	66
More than 5 times		47.4%	130
answered question			274
skipped question			23

31. How often in the past 12 months have you been contacted by school staff about your child?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Never		27.6%	78
1-2 times		46.6%	132
3-5 times		16.6%	47
More than 5 times		9.2%	26
answered question			283
skipped question			14





32. Staff at CA schools work hard to build trusting relationships with me.

		Response Percent	Response Count
True		33.6%	95
More True than False		42.8%	121
More False than True		16.6%	47
False		7.1%	20
answered question			283
skipped question			14





33. Based on your own experience or impressions, please indicate your opinion on how accurately the statement describes the future of education: In 5-10 years, students' textbooks will be accessed online or placed on mobile devices such as tablets or smartphones.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very likely to occur		43.9%	118
Likely to occur		45.7%	123
Not likely to occur		9.7%	26
Definetely not likely to occur.		0.7%	2
		Comments	35
		answered question	269
		skipped question	28







34. How comfortable would you be if your child was given a mobile device such as a netbook or tablet to complete schoolwork, access their textbooks and teachers's notes, read library books, as well as communicate, via a secure platform, with their classmates and teachers?

		Response Percent	Response Count	
Extremely comfortable		44.2%	119	
Very comfortable		27.9%	75	
Slightly comfortable		17.1%	46	
Not comfortable at all		10.8%	29	
		Comments	55	
			answered question	269
			skipped question	28

35. Please indicate which statement best summarizes your position regarding students and mobile phones:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Students should be allowed to carry and use mobile phones in school anytime, except during classtime.		15.3%	41
Students should be able to carry mobile phones and use them only during lunch or before/after school.		42.2%	113
Students should be allowed to carry mobile phones but not use them during the school day.		31.0%	83
Students should NOT be allowed to carry mobile phones in school.		11.6%	31
		Comments	54
		answered question	268
		skipped question	29

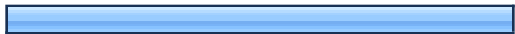




36. Please indicate your preferences for ways the school might enhance programs: (You may choose more than one)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Implement a pre-kindergarten program.		39.6%	99
Design instruction around an international/global theme.		18.8%	47
Expand online courses offered to students for credit.		48.0%	120
Partner with regional businesses/colleges to offer technology-based courses.		65.2%	163
Offer Summer Enrichment Programs		57.2%	143
Provide additional foreign language offerings, possibly at earlier grades.		58.4%	146
		Other (please specify)	39
		answered question	250
		skipped question	47





37. The district will again be faced with balancing the need to provide a quality education with what the community can afford. Indicate below how you would categorize/prioritize each program and budget item.

	Not need nor want	Want but not need	Want and Need	Response Count
Band, chorus	6.1% (16)	34.2% (90)	59.7% (157)	263
Interscholastic athletics	3.8% (10)	23.5% (62)	72.7% (192)	264
Co-curricular, clubs	5.5% (14)	52.0% (132)	42.5% (108)	254
Academic help for students	1.5% (4)	6.1% (16)	92.4% (243)	263
AP, college credit courses	3.9% (10)	32.6% (84)	63.6% (164)	258
Field trips	5.3% (14)	60.8% (160)	33.8% (89)	263
Classroom supplies	4.2% (11)	18.7% (49)	77.1% (202)	262
Instructional technology	1.9% (5)	26.2% (68)	71.9% (187)	260
			answered question	266
			skipped question	31





38. I have attended a Board of Education Meeting:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Never		44.2%	117
1-3 times per year		16.2%	43
Occasionally		26.0%	69
Only when a matter directly impacts my family		12.5%	33
Almost every meeting		1.1%	3
		answered question	265
		skipped question	32

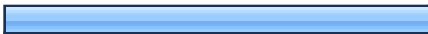



39. Parents and teachers at my child's school work together to promote school-wide improvement.

		Response Percent	Response Count
True		28.9%	78
More True than False		48.9%	132
More False than True		19.6%	53
False		2.6%	7
answered question			270
skipped question			27





40. I feel respected by the staff of my child's/children's school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
True		45.7%	121
More True than False		40.0%	106
More False than True		11.3%	30
False		3.0%	8
answered question			265
skipped question			32

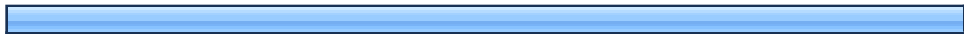





41. I trust CA schools to work in my child's/children's best interests.

		Response Percent	Response Count
True		37.0%	100
More True than False		45.6%	123
More False than True		11.9%	32
False		5.6%	15
		Comment	19
		answered question	270
		skipped question	27

42. How often do you access the district's website for information?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Daily		17.7%	47
Weekly		54.5%	145
A few times per year		26.3%	70
Never		1.5%	4
		answered question	266
		skipped question	31





43. What platforms would you prefer to have information available to you? (You may choose more than one)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Website		83.7%	226
Facebook		21.1%	57
Twitter		3.3%	9
email		84.4%	228
Texting		35.6%	96
Automated phone call		67.4%	182
		answered question	270
		skipped question	27





44. How do you learn about the annual school budget?

	Never Utilize	Seldom Utilize	Often Utilize	Always Utilize	Rating Average	Response Count
Newspaper	28.3% (34)	30.8% (37)	21.7% (26)	19.2% (23)	2.32	120
Attend meetings	41.4% (55)	41.4% (55)	13.5% (18)	3.8% (5)	1.80	133
District Newsletter	1.3% (2)	7.9% (12)	33.1% (50)	57.6% (87)	3.47	151
Word of mouth	18.9% (21)	30.6% (34)	34.2% (38)	16.2% (18)	2.48	111
Website	9.1% (15)	12.7% (21)	38.8% (64)	39.4% (65)	3.08	165
answered question						260
skipped question						37




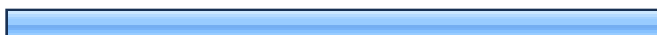
45. Based on your own experience, please indicate how often each statement applies to you and your child/children : How often do you check to see if your child/children have done homework?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Never		1.1%	3
Once in a while		3.7%	10
Most of the time		20.5%	55
All of the time		74.6%	200
answered question			268
skipped question			29





46. How often do you help your child/children with homework?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Never		3.7%	10
Once in a while		30.7%	83
Most of the time		26.7%	72
All of the time		38.9%	105
answered question			270
skipped question			27



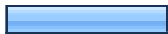

47. During the last 12 months, how often have you discussed going to college with your child/children?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Never		10.4%	28
1 -2 times		14.1%	38
3 -5 times		18.5%	50
6 -10 times		57.0%	154
answered question			270
skipped question			27

48. During the last 12 months, how often have you discussed with your child/children their grades?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Never		3.4%	9
1 -2 times		3.4%	9
3 -5 times		5.3%	14
6 -10 times		88.0%	234
answered question			266
skipped question			31

49. During the last 12 months, how often have you discussed with your child/children school activities or events of interest to them?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Never		1.9%	5
1 -2 times		4.4%	12
3 -5 times		13.7%	37
6 -10 times		80.0%	216
		answered question	270
		skipped question	27



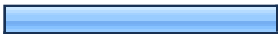
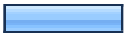



50. What are your aspirations for your child/children?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Graduate from high school		1.1%	3
Graduate from a 2-year college		4.2%	11
Graudate from a 4-year college		50.0%	132
Earn a professional degree		42.0%	111
Obtain a job after high school		1.5%	4
Enter the military		0.4%	1
Learn a trade/vocation via apprenticeship		0.8%	2
answered question			264
skipped question			33

51. What is the highest educational degree you hold?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No diploma or degree		0.4%	1
High School Diploma		24.1%	65
Two year college diploma, degree or certificate		25.6%	69
Bachelor's degree		25.6%	69
Master's degree		18.5%	50
Education specialist or professional degree		3.7%	10
Doctoral degree (Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)		2.2%	6
		answered question	270
		skipped question	27

52. Choose all that apply:

		Response Percent	Response Count
I am a graduate of CA Schools		33.0%	89
I grew up in the region		50.7%	137
I grew up outside the Hudson Valley, Capital Region		23.7%	64
I have lived in the district 0-5 years		10.0%	27
I have lived in the district 5-15 years		33.7%	91
I have lived in the district 15-20 years		12.2%	33
I have lived in the district 20+ years		35.6%	96
		answered question	270
		skipped question	27

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1	Needs to be more timely	Oct 31, 2011 3:30 PM
2	Fortunately we haven't had many issues, but it seems that certain teachers are not aware of the proper procedure for discipline. For instance, what to take care of within the class vs a referral.	Oct 31, 2011 12:13 PM
3	I support more stringent discipline-stay after school mandates, etc.	Oct 31, 2011 8:55 AM
4	depends on the circumstances. some children seem to have a more leeway than others	Oct 30, 2011 9:24 PM
5	attendance policy should be stricter! Education is a childs first job!	Oct 30, 2011 9:49 AM
6	i find it to be very inconsistent depending on the student	Oct 29, 2011 6:40 PM
7	Haven't had need for discipline practices to be tested.	Oct 29, 2011 11:30 AM
8	But at times good students are punished just for being next to the culprit because teachers or the aids are not paying attention to what is going on.	Oct 28, 2011 9:48 AM
9	There is not enough discipline/leadership from teachers and administration.	Oct 28, 2011 9:30 AM
10	what discipline practices	Oct 28, 2011 8:15 AM
11	has to be firmer and more consistent;clearer consequences	Oct 28, 2011 4:57 AM
12	Administrative detention for a tardy that is a parent problem a child should not be punished.	Oct 27, 2011 11:20 PM
13	age appropriate punishment is required!	Oct 27, 2011 9:49 PM
14	Not fair for all	Oct 27, 2011 9:00 PM
15	I think they could be tougher	Oct 27, 2011 7:54 PM
16	Thankfully have not had to experience.	Oct 27, 2011 6:48 PM
17	have not had to deal with this as of yet	Oct 27, 2011 6:31 PM
18	My son has a 504 and working with this school is difficult. The workload is too much for him and the teachers should deal with him in a more appropriate manner. They have collectively managed to make my son have a dislike for the classroom	Oct 27, 2011 6:14 PM

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	learning experience.	
19	Never had an issue with discipline.	Oct 27, 2011 5:27 PM
20	most times not very fair at all	Oct 27, 2011 4:45 PM
21	It is difficult to comment on these questions because I have multiple children in the district and although the majority of my experiences have been positive, I have had one very bad experience that clouds my judgement.	Oct 27, 2011 4:37 PM
22	don't know	Oct 26, 2011 11:39 AM
23	Process is a joke. No bite or follow up. Bad kids run the school	Oct 24, 2011 10:36 PM
24	I do think that the discipline is appropriate for the most part, the problems fall with the bullying. It is not handled well at all.	Oct 24, 2011 8:28 AM
25	I have witnessed certain students with school ties get less punishment than other students	Oct 21, 2011 4:33 PM
26	I think the practices are not consistent	Oct 20, 2011 10:12 PM
27	Too much distraction allowed in classes.	Oct 19, 2011 5:49 PM
28	every student reacts differently so the same discipline practice for one kid won't always be appropriate for another who might have or may not have a diagnosed issue.	Oct 19, 2011 2:44 PM
29	Fine for my children who are well behaved; but from stories my children tell me about other students' behavior in the hall AND during classes I am not sure if it is effective.	Oct 18, 2011 1:11 PM
30	inconsistent, lack follow-through	Oct 17, 2011 10:14 PM
31	no dealings	Oct 17, 2011 8:57 PM
32	EJA-secretary must deal with the issues, sometimes inappropriately; just not her job; HS-teachers don't do enough so classes get out of control	Oct 17, 2011 2:39 PM
33	no experience with discipline	Oct 16, 2011 10:33 AM
34	Can't be appropriate if they aren't enforced.	Oct 15, 2011 5:59 PM

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35	The teachers at E.J. Arthur and at the coxsackie Athens middle school really care about their kids and are truly helpful and have been the best school my kids have ever gone to.	Oct 14, 2011 4:50 PM
36	girls in high school need to wear shirts that fit them:~)!	Oct 14, 2011 1:34 PM
37	Fortunately I am not familiar with the practices	Oct 13, 2011 7:40 PM
38	Found that there was no discipline against another child after repeated calls, and incidents, to school about our child being threatened and hit. Handled on our own!!!	Oct 13, 2011 7:06 PM
39	in most cases I don't feel the discipline is harsh enough for the kids who act out	Oct 13, 2011 6:45 PM
40	There is sometimes favoritism towards some students	Oct 13, 2011 2:01 PM
41	ineffective, bullying continues. Teachers enforce haphazardly and show favoritism	Oct 13, 2011 10:56 AM
42	Discipline practices and policies need to be updated.	Oct 13, 2011 7:20 AM
43	what discipline practices, the government doesn't allow it	Oct 12, 2011 10:29 PM
44	Students are not made to follow the dress code at the Elem. School - I then have to explain to my child why they still can't wear flip flops / tank tops etc...	Oct 12, 2011 9:41 PM
45	There is no discipline that I am aware of.	Oct 12, 2011 3:38 PM
46	I wish I could work it as well at home!	Oct 12, 2011 2:46 PM
47	Set rules need to be more consistently enforced.	Oct 12, 2011 2:28 PM
48	Haven't had to deal with, and hope not to	Oct 12, 2011 2:12 PM
49	Depends on the incident	Oct 12, 2011 10:54 AM
50	There is a lot of discrimination among the teachers against some of the students.	Oct 12, 2011 9:11 AM
51	I have concerns about the increase in fighting over the past three years. Also the use of cameras and cell phones in school.	Oct 12, 2011 8:44 AM

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52	Students showed receive stricter consequences for some of the things they do.	Oct 12, 2011 8:44 AM
53	Enforce code of conduct on dress code or don't have the rules	Oct 12, 2011 7:51 AM
54	Bullying is not handle well at all. School disicpline policy is outdated and needs amending.	Oct 12, 2011 7:10 AM
55	unsure	Oct 11, 2011 11:04 PM
56	Not sure, I haven't experienced them yet with my children	Oct 11, 2011 7:18 PM
57	the past 3 years were difficult years, difficult to deal with the school, i felt that I was dismissed often. This year I have noticed a large difference, I feel as if I am being heard. But last year I had to challenge the principal and a few teachers, maybe that is the difference, not sure. I felt the parents were being lied to in regard to how parents were chosen to go on a school trip- we were told they picked them randomly, after what I saw, there is no way I would thin that is true. The parents were excellent choices, but why tell us that something else was taking place, when it wasn't. I did not appreciate the try at intimidating me, by the principal or the teacher (who picked a fight with me) If I were asked the questions above last year, you would have received very different answers. I did not appreciate the interim superintendant (or whoever it was) betraying a confidence, she wanted to get tot he bottom if this issue I brought up , but failed to tell me she was contacting another parent about it. It caused problems for my child with the other parents child, and it caused problems with that parent and myself. I need and expect support from the school not disparity.	Oct 11, 2011 3:30 PM
58	There is too much unaccountability given to students who either have certain last names, or have ADD/ADHD. ALL children should be held to the same basic standards of behavior.	Oct 11, 2011 10:37 AM
59	If you are popular there is no discipline, if the school has something against you, it is taken out on your child.	Oct 11, 2011 10:35 AM
60	often rely on hearsay, very little public. staff or student	Oct 10, 2011 11:29 PM
61	Impose the dress code rules in handbook	Oct 7, 2011 11:01 PM
62	I don't think it's appropriate for office staff in the elementary school to be acting as disciplinarian and yelling at children. They're not trained for that. That's why they were hired to do office work.	Oct 7, 2011 10:47 PM
63	Teachers that bully and humiliate kids are able to keep their jobs even after they admit what they have done and the teachers that are great are laid off. Someone needs to closely track teachers like Dusharm...or as parents give the nick name..." do harm'	Oct 7, 2011 9:46 PM
64	over all, caring for the masses I think Coxsackie Athens does a good job.. As the mother of a senior, a junior and a first	Oct 7, 2011 8:36 PM

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grader, I have seen many things through the years.. we have had some teachers I will hope that my daughter never gets, but they were few and far between. I have met some wonderful teachers through the years and am proud to announce where my children go to school.. Sure there can always be improvements in any environment, but that's what these surveys are for! Thanks for asking our opinions!

65	n/a	Oct 7, 2011 8:25 PM
66	Not enough done about bullying	Oct 7, 2011 8:20 PM
67	I cannot comment on this, have not experienced it	Oct 7, 2011 7:49 PM
68	i believe that sometimes its a little extreme to not extreme enough	Oct 7, 2011 7:49 PM
69	I think kids are disciplined based on who they know. If a "good kid" does something wrong, they are rarely disciplined enough.	Oct 7, 2011 3:42 PM

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1	this is my childs second year at this school. I had concerns with my child and i expressed those concerns to her guidance counsler and i was very happy with the support and immediate attention she gave me and my child. i think the open communication between parents and the school is one strength.	Nov 3, 2011 3:42 PM
2	Good interaction between parents and teachers, small school so we know most of the people working with our children	Nov 2, 2011 3:56 PM
3	Great teachers, caring administrators, high standards	Nov 2, 2011 1:29 PM
4	nice class sizes, not too big or too small.	Oct 31, 2011 3:30 PM
5	The teachers and staff are helpful and friendly they do keep the parents informed of any difficulty your student may be having. I think this really helps to keep the students on tasks and not get left behind	Oct 31, 2011 1:58 PM
6	I like the size of the school. I think the students feel like most teachers are investing in them. The students are able to cultivate long term friendships.	Oct 31, 2011 12:13 PM
7	Accessibiliity of staff, size of the school. Academics	Oct 31, 2011 12:01 PM
8	online & email notifications	Oct 31, 2011 8:55 AM
9	Teachers really care and work with parents to insure quality experience and learning.	Oct 31, 2011 7:54 AM
10	PTO	Oct 31, 2011 7:07 AM
11	EJA - small class size.	Oct 30, 2011 9:24 PM
12	Small town atmosphere and personal involvement by teachers	Oct 30, 2011 7:16 PM
13	The connectivity of child to culture and community is wonderful. Children need to hear that they matter and can make a difference in this world. Although we are moving in this direction we can always improve.	Oct 30, 2011 9:49 AM
14	a few good teachers	Oct 30, 2011 7:29 AM
15	N/a	Oct 29, 2011 8:15 PM
16	excellent music, band program excellent sports programs availability 9th period for extra help	Oct 29, 2011 3:45 PM
17	I love that students are taught to write in complete sentences and learn math facts. EJA seems to have a great balance	Oct 29, 2011 1:31 PM

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	between old-fashioned skills and new technology.	
18	Community Oriented Accessibility	Oct 29, 2011 8:28 AM
19	Most of the teaching staff, it is a warm friendly environment, welcoming to visitors	Oct 28, 2011 7:18 PM
20	Small class sizes in the younger grades. Community oriented.	Oct 28, 2011 2:52 PM
21	The elementary school. Ms. Carroll Jean Cardnay.	Oct 28, 2011 2:13 PM
22	Their friendly attention to each child, the priciple and teachers willingness to go above and beyond with each student to make them the best they can be.	Oct 28, 2011 1:48 PM
23	This is a nice community with people who care about their children. The school has high standards and promotes a healthy lifestyle.	Oct 28, 2011 10:12 AM
24	I think the small class sizes are a huge strength	Oct 28, 2011 9:55 AM
25	Commitment to community and the children. Unfortunately they are hiring people like the Athletic Director who is not living in our town, and does not try to forge an connection between the kids and himself. The athletes feel no loyalty from him to their team, he hasn't attended all the practices or most of the games, he does not give them pep talks to encourage them. They feel disconnected from this man - why did we hire an outsider????? It wouldn't be so bad if he acted like he cared and was really there for the students - not aloof.	Oct 28, 2011 9:48 AM
26	small town community - school is small enough that the teacher get to know the students on an individual basis. When you graduate in a class of a couple hundred students there are students that the teachers don't even know, unless they are extremely "troubled" students or straight A students. Small enough that you don't have to worry about gang activity, racial stuff and stuff like that that the bigger schools deal with. Also, lots of clubs for the size of the school for the student to get involved in.	Oct 28, 2011 9:32 AM
27	Decent facilities. Plenty of staff. Access to resources.	Oct 28, 2011 9:30 AM
28	Small class size	Oct 28, 2011 9:13 AM
29	The staff is very good with the children.	Oct 28, 2011 9:01 AM
30	You do not listen to the students and what theirs needs are. I had a son who has since graduated from your district however, it was definitely not without struggle. He had ADHD and had a 504 in place but NONE of your teachers abided	Oct 28, 2011 8:42 AM

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by it and frankly I thought it was a JOKE! It just made the teachers "label" him as the "bad" kid. And Mr. Proper even at one point called me into his office and told me that your child obviously doesn't want to be here and we don't really want to have him here so why don't you just pull him out of school and let him get his GED? Another situation arose when my son road his bike up to the school to watch a football game, he told my son to get off the property and don't come back unless it is for school. My point is your school only caters to those students without any behavioral problems, those who participates in sports and those who are excellent students. All the students who don't do well, or if they don't "look" the part the teachers have it out for them... I have children all over the spectrum ranging from ADHD and Bipolar. A sports player. A social butterfly who is academically successful. and one who was academically successful but because of the way he dressed (dark) the teachers gave him a hard time. This really should be addressed! Let me clarify`

31	good community school	Oct 28, 2011 8:37 AM
32	The Special Education Services are the best !	Oct 28, 2011 8:28 AM
33	Opportunities for students to participate in many activities, Music, Sports, Drama. Excellent accelerated academic programs,with dedicated and very good teachers.A small enough school where students can feel connected,with faculty,and fellow students,participate in activities without being exceptional in that area and large enough to provide students with everything they need to excell, do their best and enjoy school: and form friendships and memories that will last throughout their lives.	Oct 28, 2011 8:15 AM
34	close knit community, a lot of familiar faces make the children feel more comfortable	Oct 28, 2011 6:12 AM
35	Class size. Most teachers are energetic and fresh in there teaching technique.	Oct 28, 2011 5:20 AM
36	located in smaller community; becoming more diverse in student population; some very good, talented and involved staff	Oct 28, 2011 4:57 AM
37	A few great teachers	Oct 28, 2011 3:57 AM
38	small, friendly, caring teachers	Oct 28, 2011 1:54 AM
39	Teachers that love to teach and take time to listen to the kids.	Oct 27, 2011 11:38 PM
40	Coxsackie Elem is fabulous and has been for my son who is now 13 and my daughter who is in 2nd grade.	Oct 27, 2011 11:20 PM
41	With few exceptions, the elementary school teachers are passionate about what they do.	Oct 27, 2011 10:43 PM
42	MOST teachers are excellent with extremely high patience and knowledge of topics that children of this day and age need to learn. Variety of ethnicities and exposure to different cultures, excelent PTO, and athletics!	Oct 27, 2011 9:49 PM

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43	Most of the teachers in the middle school are great and I think Mr. Proper is a great fit to the school.	Oct 27, 2011 9:40 PM
44	Some VERY good teachers.	Oct 27, 2011 9:30 PM
45	Small community	Oct 27, 2011 8:58 PM
46	The true caring by the teachers, staff, and faculty.	Oct 27, 2011 8:44 PM
47	Some of the teachers make it a great learning/social experience	Oct 27, 2011 7:57 PM
48	The involvement when u reach out to the school with issues has been positive.	Oct 27, 2011 7:54 PM
49	Small community...safe environment. Some really great teachers!	Oct 27, 2011 6:48 PM
50	Personable and caring staff. I also love the fact that I can communicate with everyone via email and they get back to me right away.	Oct 27, 2011 6:37 PM
51	small size. get to know everyone.	Oct 27, 2011 6:10 PM
52	Everyone is polite, Accomadating to the parents when subjects need to be discussed.	Oct 27, 2011 6:06 PM
53	Teachers	Oct 27, 2011 5:49 PM
54	Great staff and students!!	Oct 27, 2011 5:10 PM
55	Small class sizes. Excellent introduction of computers and smart boards to young children. Well rounded school with excellent teachers and staff! As a father I could not be happier.	Oct 27, 2011 4:51 PM
56	I think its great when the teachers of different classes work together on assignments. For expample projects that incorporate ELA & SS or Science. It's a wonderful way to incorpate	Oct 27, 2011 4:48 PM
57	Most of the teachers are wonderful!!	Oct 27, 2011 4:45 PM
58	Margaret Jones, Cate Collier, Mr. Martino, Sharon Shultz, Jessica Pray	Oct 27, 2011 4:37 PM
59	*Not much bullying *Not very many kids	Oct 26, 2011 7:40 PM
60	The hand dryers and the new water fountains in the HS	Oct 25, 2011 7:39 PM

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61	Hard to find any. School has declined significantly over the last 10 years, and really bad last 5. Learning environment is weak and disruptive students hurt learning. Administration and each building principal is ineffective.	Oct 24, 2011 10:36 PM
62	Positive rewards for elementary students who meet or excel at academic and behavioral standards. Consistency in instructional practices throughout elementary grades.	Oct 24, 2011 8:16 PM
63	None! The district has lost it's connection with the community and the parents.	Oct 24, 2011 8:28 AM
64	Excellent teachers which personally care about my children. Positive community environment.	Oct 23, 2011 8:17 AM
65	It's STAFF!!! The community/family feel that we are desprestaly trying to hold onto despite past administrations actions to undermine this.	Oct 21, 2011 4:33 PM
66	school is small enough that all students can feel like they matter and aren't just a number. We have some very good teachers who truly care about students.	Oct 20, 2011 10:12 PM
67	not too big! located in a friendly safe area.	Oct 20, 2011 12:42 PM
68	CA school strengths is that is a smaller school district where children who wish to may excel within their class. This is more noticeable as our children approached their senior year.	Oct 19, 2011 8:48 PM
69	small class size	Oct 19, 2011 8:23 PM
70	It's a small school district and a close community.	Oct 19, 2011 5:49 PM
71	Everyone seems very friendly and are willing to listen. With the exception of the administration.	Oct 19, 2011 2:44 PM
72	The teachers and staff are great and care about the kids	Oct 19, 2011 9:25 AM
73	The small classroom sizes The music prgram	Oct 18, 2011 8:57 PM
74	Small community	Oct 18, 2011 2:51 PM
75	Having teachers who care, and those who have committed to the district for the long term. These teachers have helped my children have an effective education. The ones who have come and gone have not been as effective. Sports and music/arts programs have added much to my children's lives.	Oct 18, 2011 1:11 PM
76	I'm at a loss to come up with any. Although, I do believe there are several faculty and staff at CA schools who care for	Oct 17, 2011 10:14 PM

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	their students' education and really want to see them succeed.	
77	community oriented	Oct 17, 2011 8:57 PM
78	Edline; NutriKids; the notification phone system; Community involvement between teachers, kids, organizations; People know each other well; Lots of technologies avail to students; Many extra-curriculars to choose from (clubs, sports, etc); Very involved PTOs	Oct 17, 2011 2:39 PM
79	close knit, everyone watches out for others	Oct 17, 2011 10:51 AM
80	Teachers willingness to see student succeed. Core values, constitutional principles, ethical. moral and teaching constitutional beliefs.	Oct 16, 2011 9:10 PM
81	CA schools has done a good job with trying to keep certain programs, sports, and extra cirricular activities for the students while still facing the hardship of this economy.	Oct 16, 2011 7:11 PM
82	Outstanding music program in the High School	Oct 16, 2011 1:41 PM
83	The Cox. Elem. staff and school is wonderful. I'm glad my children attended. The middle school and high school does not have the same strangths.	Oct 16, 2011 10:41 AM
84	The size of the schools makes it still easy to access and speak with administrators. Administrators also get to know their students. Administrators are responsive.	Oct 16, 2011 10:33 AM
85	It is a good size school district. The atmosphere seems friendly. The teachers seem genuinely interested in the students.	Oct 15, 2011 10:23 PM
86	help from teachers, communication when the kid is in need or in trouble, one on one when the child needs it, I can go on forever the teachers and staff really care about there students	Oct 14, 2011 4:50 PM
87	There aren't many. Gym has improved on it's rules.	Oct 14, 2011 1:34 PM
88	Facilities -- nice (and getting nicer with remodeling) buildings and grounds. Edline -- great tool for open communication between home and school (BUT, cautionary, can be a weakness when not updated by teachers, or if families lack the technology at home).	Oct 14, 2011 1:31 PM
89	Overall	Oct 14, 2011 1:01 PM
90	i think the school has great teachers. i think jessica pray in the guidance office really works with the students well.	Oct 13, 2011 8:50 PM

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91	Awesome teachers	Oct 13, 2011 7:40 PM
92	community, activities	Oct 13, 2011 7:18 PM
93	The teachers and their desire to see the students excel.	Oct 13, 2011 7:06 PM
94	I don't think CA has many strong strengths	Oct 13, 2011 6:45 PM
95	The relationship between parents and teachers is encouraged and there are lots of opportunities to be a part of the school day.	Oct 13, 2011 5:07 PM
96	Small, tight knit community.	Oct 13, 2011 2:01 PM
97	You have a new superintendent, that's a start in the right direction.	Oct 13, 2011 10:49 AM
98	individual attention	Oct 13, 2011 10:27 AM
99	The teachers are approachable when something is not going well for the students.	Oct 13, 2011 8:22 AM
100	Not many. I find this school to be extremely disappointing. Some teachers do a great job under the poor circumstances. Not all though.	Oct 13, 2011 7:20 AM
101	For the most part, academics	Oct 12, 2011 10:29 PM
102	small school, caring teachers, sports, lots of opportunities in the HS as far as extra curricular activities.	Oct 12, 2011 9:48 PM
103	The school is safe.	Oct 12, 2011 9:48 PM
104	Elementary School - Caring teachers	Oct 12, 2011 9:41 PM
105	The small community. With a small student population, students can participate in a number of activities they would never have the chance to participate in at a larger school.	Oct 12, 2011 9:12 PM
106	Nice campus	Oct 12, 2011 8:25 PM
107	Small and familiar environment. Some dedicated, responsible, and caring staff. I know who you are and I thank you.	Oct 12, 2011 6:05 PM
108	small town community where families know each other and the children have a feeling of belonging. teachers know most	Oct 12, 2011 5:16 PM

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	parents giving them insight into what the child(ren) are going through after school hours. there are a few very good teachers and aides who truly care about the students and offer their support.	
109	The faculty work with the children to create academic achievement and challenge them.	Oct 12, 2011 4:46 PM
110	Absoulutly nothing	Oct 12, 2011 4:41 PM
111	*strong sense of community - in part due to the fact that so many teachers live in the district *great number of excellent teachers	Oct 12, 2011 4:26 PM
112	There are alot of very fine teachers but I feel that a teacher should have more power to discipline misbehaving children.	Oct 12, 2011 3:38 PM
113	The teachers at CA are a wonderful group of educators who care about their students as individuals. The curricula is age appropriate while fulfilling state requirements.	Oct 12, 2011 2:28 PM
114	Coxsackie Elementary has above and beyond great teachers	Oct 12, 2011 2:12 PM
115	Most of the teachers & Administration get the opportunity to get to know the majority of the kids on a personal level.	Oct 12, 2011 1:53 PM
116	great teachers = great students	Oct 12, 2011 11:31 AM
117	Being proactive with current issues example the anti-bullying and dont text and drive assemblies were great for the kids! The amount of sports and extra activities at the school to help mold our kids into caring and productive adults	Oct 12, 2011 10:54 AM
118	The only strengths i can see are that my childs teachers are doing very well at their job of teaching her.	Oct 12, 2011 9:11 AM
119	The teachers. In the past, class sizes have been small. Ed line is a very helpful tool for students and teachers. Sports programs have been motivating for my kids.Like that teachers are available 9th period most days for questions and extra help.	Oct 12, 2011 8:44 AM
120	Small school so most teachers know all the students. College classes for students that want to be challenged.	Oct 12, 2011 8:44 AM
121	Art and Music	Oct 12, 2011 8:42 AM
122	Small, friendly community.	Oct 12, 2011 7:51 AM
123	Some of the teachers do a tremendous job.	Oct 12, 2011 7:10 AM

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124	Nice field trips for the kids, nice assemblies	Oct 11, 2011 11:04 PM
125	The elementary school has a group of extremely dedicated teachers and staff members. They operate as a well oiled machine. Middle School is a challenge but that also has to do with the students themselves. Have been made aware of some bullying issues but am hopeful their are programs in place to deter bullying.	Oct 11, 2011 9:01 PM
126	keeping parents informed on what is going on with their child or children at school, also the extra help program they have for reading, math and so on.	Oct 11, 2011 8:34 PM
127	The district does seem very much like a family. The Elementary schools especially seem this way. The middle school is too chaotic I feel the 5th grade should be part of the primary school not the MS.The technology at the district is above par.	Oct 11, 2011 8:28 PM
128	Have great athletic programs for children that are able to	Oct 11, 2011 7:54 PM
129	The one nice thing is the small classes in EJA. I have been very lucky to have great teachers up to this point. My children are only in 1 and 3rd. AND my son looped in 1 to 2nd. He had an awesome teacher so he was VERY lucky	Oct 11, 2011 7:18 PM
130	I think the EJA school is wonderful! The teacher and staff are all very caring to the children. They have smart board and document cameras that many school don't have. I think it is a great learning environment for the children.	Oct 11, 2011 3:36 PM
131	Presently I feel that the guidance counselor in the middle school is very involved and I appreciate her trying to place my child in the right classes this year. My child trusts her. The teachers are involved, and I appreciate what they are doing to try to bring my child up speed with her math. If I were asked these questions last year, the answers would have been very different. I appreciate the teachers strong suggestion to use 9th period, I also encourage my child to stay 9th period. The music program is strong, and wish it to continue, it would be a very sad day for the children to have any cutbacks in the music program. Home Ec is a necessary- the children appreciate the hands on cooking, sewing etc... Very proud to do these things with an experienced teacher. Physical activity is a priority, gym is a necessary.	Oct 11, 2011 3:30 PM
132	Hopefully we are once again starting to move toward gaining some. They have all been lost the past 7-10 years or so..	Oct 11, 2011 1:58 PM
133	The teachers, small class size	Oct 11, 2011 1:24 PM
134	The infinite strengths of Coxsackie-Athens are Sports and the ability to go to the school library.	Oct 11, 2011 11:24 AM
135	sports	Oct 11, 2011 11:16 AM
136	the staff are fantastic and do a wonderful job.	Oct 11, 2011 10:37 AM

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137	There are some very caring teachers, that are passionate about teaching.	Oct 11, 2011 10:35 AM
138	The majority of the faculty is of a fairly high caliber, dedicated to educating the children as well as they possibly can.	Oct 11, 2011 9:20 AM
139	Very pleased with the early intervention in K	Oct 11, 2011 8:52 AM
140	lots of extra opportunity, safe solid education	Oct 11, 2011 8:30 AM
141	the kids- hopefully the new leadership - Our CFO- the community- we have some fantastic teachers- Math AIS K-12 picks up the slack time and again	Oct 10, 2011 11:29 PM
142	As the parent of a kindergartner, I don't know how accurately I can answer this question or some of the questions above. It is too early to make judgements.	Oct 10, 2011 9:16 PM
143	Strong PTO in Elementary School, dedicated teachers who put in extra time make the curriculum exciting for students fortunate enough to be placed with those teachers.	Oct 10, 2011 3:03 PM
144	Small classroom sizes. Technology	Oct 10, 2011 12:37 PM
145	small class size	Oct 10, 2011 9:14 AM
146	PTO is strong and works hard to recruit new members and do nice things for the school.	Oct 9, 2011 4:28 PM
147	Many recreational activities	Oct 9, 2011 3:20 PM
148	Coxsackie Elementary has a wonderful staff and communication between school and home is excellent.	Oct 9, 2011 2:46 PM
149	Caring teachers, asst teachers, administrators. Keeping parents informed. Keeping a good sense of community.	Oct 9, 2011 9:26 AM
150	I currently have 2 children at CE and I would say that at the elementary level, the schools are great, very nurturing and so far meeting my expectations. The fact that we are such a small district means that the students receive a lot of individual recognition and attention.	Oct 8, 2011 9:36 PM
151	On the most part, the teachers for K-4 are excellent.	Oct 8, 2011 5:07 PM
152	Highly qualified and committed faculty and staff. Strong community involvement. Family atmosphere. Expectation of excellent behavior (CE). Very active PTO (CE). Small class sizes.	Oct 8, 2011 12:51 PM

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153	low teacher-student ratios, great 6th grade teacher line-up, involved CE PTO	Oct 8, 2011 12:08 PM
154	Staff is generally friendly and for the most part qualified.	Oct 8, 2011 9:15 AM
155	A caring community where children are treated as family- my child's teacher takes the time to notice and care for him.	Oct 8, 2011 8:27 AM
156	The teachers The principal The PTO The technology The class sizes	Oct 8, 2011 7:50 AM
157	The teachers care about the kids	Oct 8, 2011 12:40 AM
158	Small class size, Caring teachers,	Oct 7, 2011 11:50 PM
159	Friendly, small, caring environment	Oct 7, 2011 11:01 PM
160	Some awesome teachers and staff. Especially MS and HS.	Oct 7, 2011 9:46 PM
161	My son just started kindergarten. I do not have enough experience to comment.	Oct 7, 2011 9:26 PM
162	Most teachers seem to be open to parental concerns and take steps to ease them.	Oct 7, 2011 9:13 PM
163	The community, small school feeling.	Oct 7, 2011 9:09 PM
164	Some teachers are amazing, really good at what they do and keep up on the ed line info. (Others are not so diligent - this should be a mandatory process) Class size USED TO be small and good but is growing every year. The feel of "community is present.	Oct 7, 2011 8:46 PM
165	I love the Monday morning assemblies at EJA. It promotes community through the school and keeps parents very informed.	Oct 7, 2011 8:43 PM
166	I feel that my children are in a safe environment.. this is so important. I also feel that the classrooms are much less crowded than some of the other schools in the area including Bethlehem!	Oct 7, 2011 8:36 PM
167	Our music department! Caring dedicated teachers in our elementary and mostly through the MS/HS!	Oct 7, 2011 8:25 PM
168	The CA Schools have made great strides in improving communications throughout the community as a whole.	Oct 7, 2011 7:49 PM
169	i think coxsackie - elementary is fantastic. there is a real sense of community, the parents are engaged, communication is great.	Oct 7, 2011 7:49 PM

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170	the teachers are fantastic	Oct 7, 2011 7:49 PM
171	Teacher-student ratio	Oct 7, 2011 6:51 PM
172	small classes good teachers	Oct 7, 2011 4:16 PM
173	For me the E J Arthur Elementary School has the best record for nurturung or fostering students to be caring responsible individuals.	Oct 7, 2011 4:15 PM
174	Small, caring community.	Oct 7, 2011 3:42 PM
175	strong community feel. All the kids know one another	Oct 7, 2011 2:25 PM

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1	The music program at EJA is weak Bus program this year has been an issue for us for the first time in four years, has been addressed but some students who used to take the bus still no longer take the bus.	Nov 2, 2011 3:56 PM
2	Lack of schol spirit Conservative in many ways. Slow to be innovative. Most like status quo. This is why families aren't moving here. Need to pay coaches more so we have consistency in sports.	Oct 31, 2011 3:30 PM
3	Some of the class room sizes are too big. Therefore the teachers have a harder time keepiing up with all the students needs and may be to busy to reconize a child getting behind. I think keeping the class room sizes down is the best way to avoid this situation. This will help to ensure that communication stays strong between the students and teachers as well as the parents.	Oct 31, 2011 1:58 PM
4	I am concerned about their preparation - especially in Language Arts. Teachers need to let students know when their punctuation and usage is incorrect. If they find it lacking, they need to give a lesson even if they feel it should've been taught previously. Otherwise they will end up writing like me.	Oct 31, 2011 12:13 PM
5	N/A	Oct 31, 2011 12:01 PM
6	too many papers - especially at the beginning of the year. too much going on.	Oct 31, 2011 8:55 AM
7	class sizes this year are much larger than last year.	Oct 31, 2011 7:54 AM
8	after school programs for working parents	Oct 31, 2011 7:07 AM
9	Administrative staff very un-customer friendly and rude. Teachers who have been there a long time not being open to technology and changes -use same old materials and routines.	Oct 30, 2011 9:24 PM
10	Overly concerned with "teaching to the test" instead of spending more energy teaching additional material (i.e. extensive portion of the second year of Global Studies spent reviewing for the all-important Regents, instead of their being able to introduce new material)	Oct 30, 2011 7:16 PM
11	Tenure! should be renegotiated to 10 year. It is a privilege to teach here at CA. A Teacher"s performance needs more data to determine true commitment to the children at CA. The same goes for Teacher's who have been here too long, performance evaluations!	Oct 30, 2011 9:49 AM
12	children should be helped with their wweakness in certain classes if having a hard time. teachers should make kids come 9th period for help instead of having failing grades	Oct 30, 2011 7:29 AM
13	N/a	Oct 29, 2011 8:15 PM

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14	The amount of time the teachers have to spend teaching for the state test. Too much time is spent teaching for a test that result in nothing.	Oct 29, 2011 3:45 PM
15	There should be someone stationed at the door for security reasons.	Oct 29, 2011 1:31 PM
16	Some of the teachers should be evaluated.	Oct 29, 2011 11:30 AM
17	The District does not recognize the acaedemic achievments of an "Average" student.	Oct 29, 2011 8:28 AM
18	Not enough visitor parking spaces!!! Also having the parents wait outside in bad weather for the walker kids. And having the kids walk out & wait in that weather!	Oct 28, 2011 8:26 PM
19	Guidance counselors and Guidance program in the High School, parking and parent drop off/pickup is a nightmare	Oct 28, 2011 7:18 PM
20	not all teachers send home newsletters. communication between teachers and parents could be better.	Oct 28, 2011 2:52 PM
21	The amount of early dismissals. We have a 2 parent household and we both work full time jobs.	Oct 28, 2011 1:48 PM
22	The left hand does not know what the right hand is doing in the middle school front office. You can ask a question and be told an incorrect answer and when you ask for clarification because you have conflicting information, everyone passes the buck, no one is accountable. May need to look at job descriptions.	Oct 28, 2011 10:12 AM
23	Students needing extra or additional help are not always getting it and the "process" for identifying and communicating that with parents seems slow	Oct 28, 2011 9:55 AM
24	Our school has not taken the healthy choice of lunch menus to heart. My kids complain of old salad - not fresh - especially in the MS.	Oct 28, 2011 9:48 AM
25	Dont' feel the kids with learning disabilities get the right attention, seems like a lot are "falling through the cracks". Worked at Germantown School years ago and they seemed to have a lot more individualized programs for the students that struggled (through IEP's).	Oct 28, 2011 9:32 AM
26	The administration and teachers seem to have forgotten that this is an academic institution. There is too much emphasis on the social matters. Way too often the kids are out of the classroom. Not nearly enough focus on core academics. Our math program is not exceptional. Our kids spend too much time with electronic devices and have not been guided to maintain a clear command of the English language. Very infrequently do we see a C-A student with quality writing capabilities, as the district has not spent enough time on this extremely important quality. The district lacks appropriate professional separation between teacher and student (they are too friendly), and as a result teachers do not command	Oct 28, 2011 9:30 AM

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	respect as they should. This survey is a weakness. Why is the district asking parents how much homework should be given? Parents who are not in the education system probably have no idea how much homework should be given. That's why we pay administrators and teachers.	
27	inconsistent with discipline.students with mental health issues such as ADHD that are in need of extra help are not focused on enough and their needs are not being met.	Oct 28, 2011 9:23 AM
28	need more technology	Oct 28, 2011 9:13 AM
29	I feel that there are some teachers are in it just for themselves. They come to school only for a paycheck and if they are in a bad mood the take it out on our students. For example, my daughter raised her hand in class because she didn't understand something, and the teacher told her to be quiet and pay attention..... in my world that is just unacceptable!!! you have a minimal amount of teachers that truly love what they do day in and day out... they know how to teach and they know what they are teaching.	Oct 28, 2011 8:42 AM
30	That sports is viewed as a priority to the extreme of not doing cuts to sports department, but actually cutting core areas instead.	Oct 28, 2011 8:28 AM
31	communication of my child education	Oct 28, 2011 8:21 AM
32	the weaknesses are common with education in America today.trying to provide unlimited resourses for the students,spending to much money	Oct 28, 2011 8:15 AM
33	I have a child in kindergarten and I am a having some issues with the number of special ed children in her class and how it may be affecting the overall learning environment. I have been in to volunteer and have seen how it can distract the class. I think the teacher handles it very well, however, I don't think it is an optimal situation for learning. My child comes home every day with reports of at least one or two kids getting on, not one, but two reds a day. I also have several family members who are teachers including my dad who taught for over 30 years and usually had high needs special ed students in his class. He was very surprised that the kids in my child's class do not have an aid with them in the classroom at all times. This is a big concern to me.	Oct 28, 2011 6:12 AM
34	N/A	Oct 28, 2011 5:20 AM
35	Staff needs to be consistent with deadlines for assignments (Duedate means duedate); Students with special learning needs (not needing any "services", but learn/test differently) need to be recognized and a plan implemented; Some sports need to have new coaches considered; Teachers need to take their place as authority figures, not "friends" with students; CA is starting to have the feeling of "the inmates are running the asylum".	Oct 28, 2011 4:57 AM

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36	They don't talk to the parents	Oct 28, 2011 3:57 AM
37	not creative enough; the children spend way too much time at their desks doing cookie-cutter paperwork. not enough hands-on, project-based learning.	Oct 28, 2011 1:54 AM
38	some teachers seem to have lost their love to teach!	Oct 27, 2011 11:38 PM
39	The middle school teachers who have started within the last few years have left me very disappointed. The attitudes and lack of care are awful. I do not have much of anything good to say about several teachers in the middle school that my son has had over the last few years. He has been spoken to in a bully fashion by his TEACHERS more than students. I even had a teacher roll her eyes at me in a group conference and became very nasty with her tone and had to be spoken to by the team leader. I filed a complaint the next day. She has since been moved to Cocksackie Elem and I made specific instructions she was not to teach my daughter. Even this year I have requested information by email from a teacher and 3 weeks later I am STILL awaiting a reply. That does NOT sit well with me. I have considered moving my children to another district so my daughter does not have to go through this and my son no longer has to suffer at the hands of his teachers even though I can't undo what has been done by your teachers.	Oct 27, 2011 11:20 PM
40	Elementary school program is good, although geared too much toward "child left behind" and not enough individualized attention to advanced students. There could be significant improvement to electronic communication versus multiple paper copies to provide information. More funding should be provided for technology (acknowledging the recent expenditure on Smart Boards). A significant focus on excellence versus teaching to testing standards should be undertaken.	Oct 27, 2011 10:43 PM
41	extremely bad special needs program in CE and dealing w/ children who need more attention then others in academics!	Oct 27, 2011 9:49 PM
42	Appropriately following the no bullying policy	Oct 27, 2011 9:40 PM
43	Anti-bullying policy NOT enforced. Too many staff turn a deaf ear and a blind eye to some children tormenting others.	Oct 27, 2011 9:30 PM
44	Fewer minorities than most schools. Sports programs not as good as other schools. All schools connected, k-12	Oct 27, 2011 8:58 PM
45	Need more supervision in high school (especially in the cafeteria and halls!)	Oct 27, 2011 7:57 PM
46	I think there are too many cliques and bullying that go on behind the scenes. I know teachers can't be everywhere but the bullying is awful. There is not a lot for kids to do so I look to the school for sports and events. I think there should be more. I also believe that the education is more solid in elementary school than middle school. Also I feel it's awful to have little kids entering middle school riding on the high school bus. Teachers always seem willing to work with kids during 9th and I am grateful for ninth period assistance	Oct 27, 2011 7:54 PM

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47	Teachers who don't challenge our kids with fresh ideas. Doing the minimum to get through the year. I'm afraid we focus more on bringing the struggling kids up to par that we don't challenge the kids who need it therefore they grow bored.	Oct 27, 2011 6:48 PM
48	Some teachers unprofessional behavior. The students should not be treated as friends. Sports program is very weak. Coaching staff should be expected to actually win games. Rules regarding dress code arbitrarily enforced - many rules seem arbitrarily enforced.	Oct 27, 2011 6:48 PM
49	bullying, and counteracting peer pressures	Oct 27, 2011 6:14 PM
50	Not enough to challenge students to work harder.	Oct 27, 2011 6:10 PM
51	I feel that the actual teachers are not in the classroom enough to many substitute teachers, I feel that the children are behind in there grade levels. I see a huge difference in my childs comprehension of a subject when the teacher is not there .Not enough structure. to much jumping from one subject to another and then back to confusing for the children. As far as if a child leaves I feel that when a note is written for a child to be picked up from school by someone other than a parent or even a parent they should have to show ID.	Oct 27, 2011 6:06 PM
52	Adminasraters	Oct 27, 2011 5:49 PM
53	None	Oct 27, 2011 5:10 PM
54	Cleaner/Janitors could do more outside upkeep. Am I the only one who drives through the lake at the entrance to the Elementary school? Example: Weeds in cracks of sidewalks, painting the traffic poles by the district office yellow. Offer a class to cleaners to learn..How to "Point Up Brick" Instead of waiting for a Bond or Capital Improvement project. Under previous custodial heads more details where given to general building maintenance and repair we are paying higher saleries to appease the teachers as the buildings are falling apart. These folks can do more. How the school handles "Maternity leaves". Having a teacher start school and the children getting settled in to this teacher only to have them leave and get a substitute and then come back and again the children need to adjust. Maternity is a fact of life but having a better plan in place for when teachers leave would be most helpful. It is not good for our kids and we can tell you from experience that this DOES effect the kids. Common C-A lets get something better like floaters. Also, who speaks French and why do we keep a teacher for French? Mandarin makes more sense and Spanish.	Oct 27, 2011 4:52 PM
55	If I absolutely had to pick a weakness I would say the A/V system used for assemlbies could be improved upon. Other than that there are really none in my opinion.	Oct 27, 2011 4:51 PM
56	Students are not prepared for use of technology in the workplace or college. Increased use of online or business programs; blackboard; wiki accounts, power point, excel, etc should be incorporated	Oct 27, 2011 4:48 PM

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57	seems to be a lot of drug us on school property, especially in gym locker rooms and bathrooms. somehow there needs to be better supervision	Oct 27, 2011 4:45 PM
58	Students at the top and bottom of the academic scale get attention - those in the middle do not. There are too few science classes for any student to be really prepared for a scientific or technical field of study in college. Certain teachers play favorites and that can impact a student's educational experience. C-A graduates are not prepared for college as a general rule. Maybe those few who were in the advanced courses are, but the B students are not.	Oct 27, 2011 4:38 PM
59	PAT GRAY DARREN DUSHARM	Oct 27, 2011 4:37 PM
60	Weak academics, most teachers are weak and don't care, plus are protected by school, too much union activity. Very sad the decline.Very weak school board with no leadership. Standards are low and environment unsafe.	Oct 24, 2011 10:36 PM
61	security more parent/teacher communication at elementary level such as weekly or at least monthly newsletters, more teacher web page information such as assignments and weekly or monthly happenings	Oct 24, 2011 8:16 PM
62	Many! Sports are poor it's not the kids it's coaching and the AD. Administration, arrogant, rude, unwilling to listen, unconcerned about the families (parents) feedback. Teachers are a moderate strength for the school many do a good job too many do a poor one.	Oct 24, 2011 8:28 AM
63	Dealing with the many different abilities/behaviors in the classroom/school. Large class sizes.	Oct 23, 2011 8:17 AM
64	Not appreciating it's "People". It all seems to be about numbers - data and dollars. If you take care of the people, the rest will follow. Also too many alumni come back to say that they are having a hard time in college. These are high honor students who never really had to study and they are struggling in college - not community colleges. There needs to be more accountability and more of a college atmosphere in the upper grades.	Oct 21, 2011 4:33 PM
65	Teachers who only teach students to pass state exams and don't worry that students are grasping the concepts being taught.	Oct 20, 2011 10:12 PM
66	TRANSPORTATION!!! But it's a losing battle. Did you ever try to pick your kid up from elementary school? Lot's of empty buses everyday!! Figure it out! Also, the school board has too much power and we pay too much in taxes!	Oct 20, 2011 12:42 PM
67	There is a tendency to not see that children do mature and change year to year in regard to behavior contracts in Middle School. Unless a parent asks that it being suspended, a student will have the behavior contract all through their Middle School years. This negates the fact that children do change and what may have been one year does not mean the same the next. Beginning the year with a fresh slate will go a long way toward building confidence in the student not being pegged for trouble.	Oct 19, 2011 8:48 PM

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68	learn foreign languages earlier	Oct 19, 2011 8:23 PM
69	The class sizes are too large. Suggesting that the children in the middle school stay 9th is nice, but there's only one teacher and I don't think it's feasible to think the teacher can make much progress with a room full of children all at different learning levels.	Oct 19, 2011 5:49 PM
70	Technology- All teachers should be able to communicate via email and parents should be able to keep track of their kids as well. Parents should be able to observe their kid in the class room via a web video, so the student doesn't know the parent is around. This would be to insure and ease any concerns that parent might have.	Oct 19, 2011 2:44 PM
71	for the reduced lunch prices, we didn't qualify stating my husband made to much for a family of 4 (grosses \$720 a week) but he has court order to pay child support of \$224.50 a week for another child not living with us but in the c-a district and they don't take that into consideration when looking into the whole thing.....so we in return get screwed.	Oct 19, 2011 9:25 AM
72	Too much time, money and attention is spent on special need children and children with severe discipline needs at the expense of ALL the other students.	Oct 18, 2011 8:57 PM
73	Small community	Oct 18, 2011 2:51 PM
74	Weak math teachers in the grades 7-12. There are a couple of strong teachers if you are lucky to get them. Others really are weaker and students learning is impacted (my children have passed the regents, but I know many who haven't). While we offer AP classes there is no guarantee what credit you will receive in college for them, we need to offer MORE college level classes where you are actually receiving 3 credits for the work and grade you receive!!!!	Oct 18, 2011 1:11 PM
75	Tenure is killing the education at CA. Many teachers are not respected by students. CAMS 9th period continues to be a joke (parents are told at open house that school really ends at 3:10 and kids should stay, but since then kids have been told they have a firm understanding of the material and don't need to stay. Or, there are too many unruly kids in the 9th period classroom for it to be effective).	Oct 17, 2011 10:14 PM
76	NYSUT too much busy work and not enough fundamental concepts	Oct 17, 2011 8:57 PM
77	Random placement of TAs & aides disregarding their strengths & prior training=detrimental effects on students; Leniency by teachers=out of control behaviors in classrooms & texting in class; USING TENURE; allowing Donna Bryon to change the English curriculum for 10th graders to a political science class; low requirements for Honor/High Honor rolls; too short of periods with core subjects--teach them longer; running band/chorus during school & allowing lessons during core subjects--these could all be 9th periods!	Oct 17, 2011 2:39 PM
78	too much staff that is not needed,	Oct 17, 2011 10:51 AM

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79	Bus Transportation Driver. 7 students do not take the bus any more due to the negative attitude of the driver.	Oct 16, 2011 9:18 PM
80	none	Oct 16, 2011 9:10 PM
81	Teachers let the whole class pay for certain students who act disrespectfully or disruptive in class. Those particular students should be removed if they can't behave. The other students who are there to LEARN should be able to do so without being affected by others actions.	Oct 16, 2011 7:11 PM
82	lunch system always gives us problems	Oct 16, 2011 3:30 PM
83	Poor discipline in the High School	Oct 16, 2011 1:41 PM
84	Not enough help for struggling students or students with different learning styles. The CSE is little real care of concern for the students' best interest.	Oct 16, 2011 10:41 AM
85	The special education program is not well perceived both in and outside the district, of being too strict in getting students qualified for the programs or settings they need. No certified elementary librarians in the schools, the level in which 21st century literacy skills are taught.	Oct 16, 2011 10:33 AM
86	None at this time.	Oct 15, 2011 10:23 PM
87	I wish that the teachers & guidance dept could offer tutors or better prep for testing	Oct 14, 2011 10:06 PM
88	Athens elementary does not do well at all, they do not answer any of my messages. They do not discipline kids that bully.	Oct 14, 2011 1:34 PM
89	Teachers in high school, maybe just the newer ones, I'm not sure. I just hear complaints from my high schooler (who's on the high honor roll), stating "she/he doesn't know what she/he is doing." The new phone system -- maybe needs some "debugging." There have been times when it has been very difficult to get through to someone. It should be noted that when staff members only work for 10 months per year (for example) he/she should state that on the welcome message (eg. if calling over the summer, "I will be out of the office from July 15 to August 15, if you need immediate assistance...." otherwise callers think they are not getting a phone call returned and don't understand why. Lengthy/Costly Lists of School Supplies -- required to be supplied by student (and parents). Especially every teacher asking for a box of tissues, which is necessary, isn't really a school supply.	Oct 14, 2011 1:31 PM
90	Special Education	Oct 14, 2011 1:01 PM
91	I don't feel that the students are prepared very well for college. Teachers are forced to teach students only to do well on standardized tests.	Oct 13, 2011 11:40 PM

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92	i think the high schoolers recieve to much home work. i think in high school there should be more time between the bells/periods atleast an extra few minutes to get to locker. .	Oct 13, 2011 8:50 PM
93	-Poor security at EJA -A special education office that does not make it impossilbe to get serves for students who have a medical condition that warrants a 504 accomodation plan -Secreterial staff that ignore parents, are rude, and not helpful (Mrs. P)	Oct 13, 2011 7:40 PM
94	nutrition, sports	Oct 13, 2011 7:18 PM
95	Not enough time and availability scheduled for working parents!! Too many student assemblies are scheduled in the middle of the parents work day, therefore alienates the children of working parents. Questionable security in the lower grade schools. Feels like anyone could walk in and walk past the office.	Oct 13, 2011 7:06 PM
96	I think that the school needs new teachers who have a fresh education	Oct 13, 2011 6:45 PM
97	There is a complete uneven distribution of special resources. For children who cannot keep up, there are several programs; AIS, Skills, tutors. For those children who can, there is no active plan to challenge these students. No child left behind--but no child pushed forward.	Oct 13, 2011 5:07 PM
98	Not enough student discipline (looking the other way)	Oct 13, 2011 2:01 PM
99	gross, leaky ceilings	Oct 13, 2011 1:18 PM
100	not just with CA schools, but federal mandates have caused the dumbing down of content and the use of methods that place too much emphasis on test taking and too little on critical thinking and problem solving	Oct 13, 2011 10:56 AM
101	No one is treated the same. The teachers and other staff members have their favorites that seem to get away with texting, clothes showing underwear and private body parts, dirty languish, bullying and much more. Just because your the (principle's,teacher's) daughter or son doesn't give special rights. What's good for one should be good for all. The staff lie for one another to protect from wrong doing. I have had children in this school for 9 years and have seen some wrong doing, but then when you say something your children get targeted by the staff.	Oct 13, 2011 10:49 AM
102	cutting programs (ex: French)	Oct 13, 2011 10:27 AM
103	not having enought teaching and aid staff to meet the needs of our students and two months of vacation instead of putting in air condition in the class room and keep the kids in the school all year round.	Oct 13, 2011 8:22 AM
104	The paperwork and information that comes home is too much and too scattered - needs to be streamlined - especially if	Oct 13, 2011 8:10 AM

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you have more than one child in the district!!!

105	Administration, there has been very poor leadership over the past few years. The school Board has lost sight of it's need to listen to the parents of the district. You would think the voting out of the incumbents this past election would have set off some bells and whistles but that has yet to be determined. School officials are far from receptive to parent feedback. The athletic program which is tremendously important has no leadership this new athletic director is a joke, he does not seem to care about CA athletics, he just picking up a check a complete waste a tax payer money!	Oct 13, 2011 7:20 AM
106	Charging admission to parents and large families when they want to attend their children's concerts and games.	Oct 12, 2011 10:29 PM
107	Cliques & no confidentiality - everybody knows everybody's business	Oct 12, 2011 10:15 PM
108	Communication !! MS was terrible compared to elementary and now HS is WORSE than the MS was!! Starting in 7th grade honor students were segregated into honor classes and this year upon entering High School, my child is dealing with honor student 9th graders, middle of the road 10th graders and 11th graders that can't pass a class. What a disappointment after 2 fabulous years in Middle school with all her peers being equal. There is a class in the Middle school called Academic 5 or 6 that is a total waste of time, even the teacher aren't sure what they are suppose to do during this time. They made sure to tell us it's NOT a study hall. There is no grade associated with it, if your child has band, they have this class 3 days a week and after dropping band this year my daughter has academic 6- 5 days a week. What a waste...my older child had enrichment when she was in middle school and this replaced it. UGH.	Oct 12, 2011 9:48 PM
109	Lack of communication with parents regarding activities after school. Student should be encouraged to reach goals, such as honor society.	Oct 12, 2011 9:48 PM
110	Teachers out of the classroom to much for meetings	Oct 12, 2011 9:41 PM
111	Somewhat low expectations. Aside from the top students, the expectation seems to be that students will go on to Columbia-Greene or HVCC, not a four-year college.	Oct 12, 2011 9:12 PM
112	Not using local people and companies for services and as assets to foster business connections CATA is poorly operated as a Union. Out of touch Board of Education Technology	Oct 12, 2011 8:25 PM
113	Union discord along with long standing opinions and relationships that interfere with district decision making. Communication home to parents from teachers can also be improved. Finding out on the 10-week report card that my child hasn't been paying attention or is a distraction in class does not help. I can't turn back time. Tell me when it occurs so I can do something to help you and my child. Ten weeks later is too late.	Oct 12, 2011 6:05 PM
114	Too many turnovers of teachers, administrators and staff in general. Students with parents who have better jobs and	Oct 12, 2011 5:16 PM

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	higher education do much better. This shows that the school needs to intervene with the students who are less fortunate.	
115	The children have some teachers that aren't teaching them and dealing with children that are disruptive to the others that do want to learn..	Oct 12, 2011 4:46 PM
116	Everything.	Oct 12, 2011 4:41 PM
117	*lack of certified librarians *Kindergarten instruction the same for all regardless of prior schooling or ability *lack of programs/classes for advanced students	Oct 12, 2011 4:26 PM
118	Children are generally not held accountable for what used to be unacceptable behaviour.(Speaking out whenever they feel, showing disrespect to teachers and other children). Some of the classes are so loud with uncontrolled children that it is impossible for the kids who really want to learn.	Oct 12, 2011 3:38 PM
119	The cutbacks in AIS services and increase in class sizes will be a detriment to students.	Oct 12, 2011 2:28 PM
120	CA Does not encourage school spirit, encourage the strive to a winning sports program, CA lacks communication w/ parents, and does not address the bullying in the Middle School	Oct 12, 2011 2:12 PM
121	Math Department at High School level in the upper math classes although the Math department leader is fabulous but some of the teachers need to be more available for help or be able to help students better	Oct 12, 2011 10:54 AM
122	They don't take religion into consideration when making dates for dances or even on their calendar.	Oct 12, 2011 9:12 AM
123	Too many of this school's teachers are worried about certain parts of the dress code and not too much about the school work per say. and these same teachers need to be taught that if they want respect they need to give it first.	Oct 12, 2011 9:11 AM
124	cell phones and ipods in class are a concern. Not enough offerings in languages--we are in a global economy and limited languages are offered at CA. AIS services have been designed only to focus on passing state tests, not true learning and understanding. These services stop once the test is done for the year--continuing past the test would allow for true learning to occur.	Oct 12, 2011 8:44 AM
125	Edline not used to it's full potential by all teachers. Not enough communication between teachers and parents. Parents left out too much and don't have much to say about their child's education. Students "forced" to associate with other students that are bad influences. Counseling office should be more interactive with their students. Not enough opportunities to prepare students for SAT's and ACT's. Teachers obvious and blatant favoritism of some students. Rules not strictly enforced and all rules don't apply to everyone. Students that have failing grades should be restricted from sports for a period of time and should not be allowed to play just because they attend 9th period with a teacher and	Oct 12, 2011 8:44 AM

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get signed off. Sends the wrong message for those that do well academically while playing a sport.

126	Sports programs,we do not compete at the higher levels compared to other schools especially the football team(why do we even have it) We need to step it up. Our math department is still very weak. We need to train the teachers more so they can educate all of the children. They can no longer just stand in the front of the room and lecture. I also see our special ed has weakened with all the cut backs.	Oct 12, 2011 8:42 AM
127	Lack of honors classes in 9/10th grade. Lack of Scholars program in Middle School	Oct 12, 2011 7:51 AM
128	Administration, poor leadership over the past few years. School Board as well as the past super failing to meet even the minimum expectations of the families and students of the district. The support of our student athletes, the district has shown little support for the athletes. Including the board, super and the athletic director, poor job by all.	Oct 12, 2011 7:10 AM
129	No security at the athens elementary school. Pick up for walkers is a disaster waiting to happen. There is no one checking id's or if a child is leaving with the right person. People can walk in and out of the school any time during the day. It is still the beginning of the year but my child has not even began sight words for learning to read. A program that I know other New York State Schools are using.	Oct 11, 2011 11:04 PM
130	I think attemptps are being made to increase security at the schools but I still think access to the buildings are not limited enough. We must make an active effort to protect our children.	Oct 11, 2011 9:01 PM
131	taking care of bullies	Oct 11, 2011 8:34 PM
132	Communication is still lacking although it has improved over the years. Again I feel it is worse in the MS. The school supply list should be modified,the cost of supplies for families is outrageous especially when it is requested to purchase tissues for each class . School spirit this past weekend was homecoming weekend- there was no home football game,no home tennis that I was aware of,no cross country,no night game,no girls JV Soccer game ..Seems like there was not alot of effort put into the scheduling of homecoming or it was all an after thought. Why not reach out to the community for help?	Oct 11, 2011 8:28 PM
133	Special Education. Children that receive services are treated like they have done something wrong. Example Children in the middle school that struggle are expected to give up their lunch period for extra help and to stay after school every day. This leaves no time for them to be a child. If they have a 504 plan and this plan is not followed, and the child is still not doing well in school they are not allowed to participate in any after school programs which further brings down the child's self esteem isolating them further from other children. These children that fall into this catorgory are the ones that become anti social and are made targets or Bullied by other children. There is no happy medium here. Children that are already struggling should not be made to feel worse. They should be allowed to have some fun. Once these children get home they can spend hours doing homework for they could not finish in school.	Oct 11, 2011 7:54 PM

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134	Not all the teachers communicate well.	Oct 11, 2011 7:18 PM
135	I think there are a lack of fund to keep teachers and aids employed	Oct 11, 2011 3:36 PM
136	I experienced a lack of confidentiality last year, whatever I had brought to the superintendant, principal and the teachers was their responsibility to keep confidential.	Oct 11, 2011 3:30 PM
137	Too little attention and time being spent on the majority of students, too much time and attention on the at risk. Our sports and extra activities are suffuring too.	Oct 11, 2011 1:58 PM
138	Not enough AIS time, consultant time, too many superintendent conference days, too top heavy at the administrative end.	Oct 11, 2011 1:24 PM
139	The definate weeknesses of Cocksackie-Athens are the early starting times and the amount of homework.	Oct 11, 2011 11:24 AM
140	homework	Oct 11, 2011 11:16 AM
141	Being made to keep teachers who simply do not know how to teach. I know the schools are trying, although their hands are tied by legislation and lawyers. Being a sort of 'dumping ground' for other districts problem students. I believe the school should be able to set a disciplinary program that is appropriate for EACH school, instead of the state.	Oct 11, 2011 10:37 AM
142	The special education program is difficult to navigate and is a battle to be approved for. There is also no follow up once a child is approved. Teahcers are not kept informed and students suffer.	Oct 11, 2011 10:35 AM
143	Some of the administrators within the district are somewhat lacking - as well as the school board not being responsive to the parents'/students' needs.	Oct 11, 2011 9:20 AM
144	math is not preparing the graduates for college level calculus!!! not all teachers use ed line to its fullest- poor teacher morale-- questionable coaching-	Oct 10, 2011 11:29 PM
145	I can only speak to my child's class. There appear to be serious problems with children who have behavioral problems. It seems as though the disruptions these students cause are keeping the class from moving forward on a regular basis.	Oct 10, 2011 9:16 PM
146	The higher achieving students need to be challenged more at the k-4 level. They get bored waiting for the rest of the class.	Oct 10, 2011 7:30 PM
147	It was difficult as a parent of a kindergartner ton understand reading levels, curriculum, etc. Could be helpful to provide more information on role of parent in school, with homework, etc.	Oct 10, 2011 3:03 PM

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148	At	Oct 10, 2011 10:54 AM
149	no librarians at the elementary level	Oct 10, 2011 9:14 AM
150	Bussing is unfair - some kids that need it don't get it (JCB Development does not have a safe way to get to school, all parents drive their kids). The drop off and pick up for walkers is horrible. Nobody follows the rules, the man directing traffic in the parking lot doesn't enforce the rules.	Oct 9, 2011 4:28 PM
151	Having Mr. Proper as Middle School Principal.	Oct 9, 2011 3:20 PM
152	Once children leave the elementary level there is a huge gap in communication. While some teachers are exceptional, others seem to lack interest in parental involvement. I believe it's even more important for parents to be involved during adolescence and have been dissappointed in the difficulty we've faced attempting to contact teachers at the middle school level.	Oct 9, 2011 2:46 PM
153	Not as much opportunity as with larger schools (and bigger school budgets!)	Oct 9, 2011 9:26 AM
154	Due to budget cuts, we don't have as many arts programs as I would like, and I would especially like to see programs for gifted children to be able to be challenged and encouraged. I had a son who went through the middle school and high school and I thought that the expectations of the students were very low. I was shocked at the percentages of kids who did not go on to college. My experience with the Guidance Dept was that it was very weak. Also, my experience with the Special Ed Dept. at the high school level in 2008-2009 was terrible. Pat Gray was extremely difficult to work with and her communication was awful. My understanding is that it has not improved.	Oct 8, 2011 9:36 PM
155	I don't think they deal with bullies adequately. The women in the office at EJA are extremely rude and I think just about every parent agrees.	Oct 8, 2011 5:07 PM
156	Teachers are getting squeezed - less planning time coupled with more responsibility and less support = stress and low morale. Audience behavior at middle and high school programs is awful. There is not a feeling of respect for or pride in our performing groups.	Oct 8, 2011 12:51 PM
157	Not matching teacher strengths to job needs - the teacher of accelerated 7th grade math told us she wasn't happy with getting pushed down to teach 7th grade but "it's a job". This is supposed to be an accelerated class. The kids have been correcting the teacher since the start of the school year. If you're going to offer an advanced program, staff it well!	Oct 8, 2011 12:08 PM
158	Lack of authority with kids who do need more control and discipline. I fear for my child to enter the middle school since I have only heard about horrific stories in reference to sex, drugs, peer pressure, bullying ect.. I have to trust that the values that we set in our child will overcome the rest instead of also feeling comfortable that the the MS should also assist	Oct 8, 2011 9:15 AM

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	with that same mindset.	
159	Not enough options for students who are excelling- focused enrichment classes, high-level reading groups. Social issues- behavior problems	Oct 8, 2011 8:27 AM
160	Not enough levels of support for special needs students	Oct 8, 2011 7:50 AM
161	Low expectations, poor discipline,	Oct 8, 2011 12:40 AM
162	CA accepts mediocrity and does not push to make strong students stronger. They put so much emphasis on bringing the test scores of the 1's and 2's up that they forget about the 3's and 4's. Those students do not get challenged.	Oct 7, 2011 11:50 PM
163	Weakness of public education is the need to teach the masses and can't be specific to each kid's needs.	Oct 7, 2011 11:01 PM
164	Not all teaching staff are closely monitored. Those that have been there a long time hold the upper hand even to the administration. Again...Dusharm... District should really dig and investigate before a lawsuit pops up...perhaps discuss amongst board member.. ALSO...the front line employees at EJA..the office staff are NOT what we want representing our schools . They will acknowledge you when and if they feel like it. Assuming you get acknowledged, there will be very little pleasantry from the office ladies at EJA. You will feel like you have been scolded for interrupting them. Extremely unprofessional....very often overstepping their responsibilities... Since when does the staff in the office get to literally yell and scream at kids as a standard ...and do it right in the front office regardless of who is in there! Go back at least 7 years and you will get some very disturbing stories. Possibly talk with the interim principal we had at EJA when Snyder was out...he saw the staff in the office for what she is and call her on it! She stayed out until Snyder returned...sucked to be held accountable for your majorly inappropriate actions!	Oct 7, 2011 9:46 PM
165	My son just started kindergarten. I do not have enough experience to comment.	Oct 7, 2011 9:26 PM
166	College prep with regards to what classes will probably be needed. And very little help for athletes looking to play at the collegiate level. Counselors also don't seem to challenge students to reach for more competitive colleges.	Oct 7, 2011 9:13 PM
167	The early Orr dismissal makes things very difficult for some parents such as myself who used to be able to get my children off the bus and now have to pay for childcare. Not enough special Ed support or speech improvement services. Not enough extracurriculars for younger students. A reported inequity as to how Athens students are treated as compared to coxsackie students with regard to athletic team selection.	Oct 7, 2011 9:09 PM
168	Have/had a tendency to tenure teachers that should not have been. We have a few teachers that probably should not have been and they affect the kid's attitude towards school in a negative way. I.E. My daughter just quit chorus because of the teacher (she has had him 3 years in a row and just could not do one more year with him). Also she was an honors	Oct 7, 2011 8:46 PM

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	English student in 6th and by the end of 7th, disliked the subject all together. Maybe just a bad "fit" but when a kid is inspired these are not the results.	
169	Strong Math teachers from grade 7 - 12, while there is one or two who are exceptional several others know their stuff but can't teach it to the students very successfully.	Oct 7, 2011 8:25 PM
170	There appears to be a lack of school spirit and pride.	Oct 7, 2011 7:49 PM
171	they base what they teach and what the children learn around state tests	Oct 7, 2011 7:49 PM
172	teachers using their cell phones for texting during class - doesn't set a good example when you are telling the children not to use them during school....especially when a student feels that he/she is lacking in ability due to inadequate teaching of material by the same teacher who seems to teach for a "few minutes" and then text while the kids struggle with assignments for the rest of class time	Oct 7, 2011 5:26 PM
173	Many teachers have low expectations of students, therefore don't push toward excellence	Oct 7, 2011 3:42 PM

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1	Keep all students in MS/HS later. One bus run to save money and increase school day. Teachers are paid same salary but K-4 teachers work less hours; how did this get negotiated? Traffic pattern is confusing. Put bus loop in back of MS/HS.	Oct 31, 2011 3:30 PM
2	All in All I feel our schools are very nice and are run fairly smoothly. There are some things that could use improvement middle school should have more activities for the students and I also believe that the fifth and six graders should have a recess time some of these kids are still 9 years old when they enter the 5th grade. These children should have more activity to break up their long day. When we first started in the school system here 5th and 6th was part of the elementary level. Having a recess break would be beneficial. Also High School has many more activities which I think is great we need to keep and add as many activities and sports as possible. It keeps the kids active and lets face it there are not many things to do in our small town. If the kids are not involved in school activities I think it is easier for them to get involved with things that are much less desirable. Keep our class room sizes manageable and keep sports and other activities in our school	Oct 31, 2011 1:58 PM
3	Parents, including me, need to be involved. I think more clubs would be useful. Stronger guidance unit. Especially 10th and up with college prep. Thanks for the survey.	Oct 31, 2011 12:13 PM
4	N/A	Oct 31, 2011 12:01 PM
5	Parent teacher conferences could be in the evening. It is important that my wife and I both attend, but it can be a challenge with work.	Oct 31, 2011 7:54 AM
6	none	Oct 31, 2011 7:07 AM
7	Train tenured teachers in new technology and require its use. Train office staff to be friendly and helpful to people coming in, not to ignore them.	Oct 30, 2011 9:24 PM
8	Not much you can do; it is either NYS rules or unmotivated students that are the problem, so the teachers try their best to work with these things	Oct 30, 2011 7:16 PM
9	Overall I think the district tries hard to meet the needs of students, Communication is key! I love Edline! but not all teachers in the MS and HS meet complete expectations or assignments. This needs to be improved. Secondly, I feel our children need proper keyboarding skills! as early as possible! Too much emphasis is placed on cursive writing. At the MS & HS levels cursive is discouraged, MS Word is recommended. Bad habits are formed early we need to address this.	Oct 30, 2011 9:49 AM
10	having a good guidance system	Oct 30, 2011 7:29 AM
11	N/a	Oct 29, 2011 8:15 PM

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12	See above.	Oct 29, 2011 1:31 PM
13	Add more parking. And add some sort of an awning or a roof that extends from the cafeteria so the kids are not walking out into rain, snow, hail etc. & the parents don't have to wait in it.	Oct 28, 2011 8:26 PM
14	Have a better college preparation program for High School students. Have guidance counselors meet with students on a regular basis (instead of once or twice a year) to get to know them and assist with future goals. I would like to see more distance learning courses, AP classes, and enrichment for Middle School students	Oct 28, 2011 7:18 PM
15	There seems to be a large gap in the expectations of kindergarten students and first graders.	Oct 28, 2011 2:52 PM
16	CA needs to offer lacrosse. it is an excellent sport that appeals to many children and offers great scholarship potential.	Oct 28, 2011 2:13 PM
17	Nothing	Oct 28, 2011 1:48 PM
18	Integration of elementary school and middle school. There needs to be more information for parents as students transition and merge with students from Athens. More parent training perhaps on what to expect and how to prepare your children and your home. The list of supplies that are required each year is too extensive. Then there is little follow up as to how the supplies are used, or sometimes not necessary. It seems wasteful. Often several notebooks are asked for and then they only fill a few pages in each.	Oct 28, 2011 10:12 AM
19	Serve something simply like rice and beans for lunch. Get ride of French Toast for lunch. Stop making all the events food oriented. Stop the barrage of corporate fundraisers...I do not want to support SUNNY D -- the stuff is pure cornsyrup. I don't want my kid motivated to read because he gets a pizza hut coupon. I don't want pizza hut to be able to inexpensively advertise in your schools. Trust me I was a package goods marketer, they are getting a lot more out of this then they give. We have an obesity crisis!	Oct 28, 2011 10:05 AM
20	Lets get some lights for the athletic fields for games. Lets change the menus in the MS & HS to reflect our commitment to kids eating healthy so they don't have to go to an teachers room where they know they'll get a good deal for a reasonable amount of money. Some of our drinks - teas, arizona drinks etc. are more money than they would be at the local store. Why??	Oct 28, 2011 9:48 AM
21	My children do well at C-A and excel but when I subbed there I saw a lot of students struggling and some have gotten to the point where they have given up. There needs to be attention to remedial help or special programs for kids on the bubble, who just need that little extra attention. Your Skills classes for the kids with severe special needs are excellent! Loved subbing in those classes, lots of structure, lots of attention paid to their individual needs, would like to see more of that in the mainstream classes. Also, think they need more rules in the high school. The Middle School is good about enforcing rules, but by high school the rules seem to have gone out the window (eating and drinking junk in class,	Oct 28, 2011 9:32 AM

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	wearing hats, etc.) Kids used to come in with snacks, drinks, put their feet up on the chair in front of them, etc. - that would not have flown when I was in school! And it doesn't fly in the middle school. A spring water is one thing, but they had all kinds of energy drinks, iced tea, you name it.	
22	See the weaknesses listed and correct them. Administration and staff should maintain a professional separation from students. You are not in the position to be our childrens' friends. You are there to teach and objectively guide them in academic matters. In general, set high expectations for yourselves, act professionally, and focus on being a top-tier academic institution. Keep the kids in the classroom and teach.	Oct 28, 2011 9:30 AM
23	Modernize	Oct 28, 2011 9:13 AM
24	STOP labeling! START treating these kids like human beings...Talk to them and listen to them. Hear what they are saying so maybe you can make the changes needed. get rid of tenure so maybe the teachers have the ambition to teach our students what they need to know or even give them the motivation to teach correctly. It will make them want to be there instead of feeling like they have to be there.	Oct 28, 2011 8:42 AM
25	No more cuts - especially in key roles !	Oct 28, 2011 8:28 AM
26	More teacher parent conversation. i.e. high school teachers, more contact with parent. I don't want to know at 5 weeks my child isn't doing well, I want to know at 2 weeks we have a problem.	Oct 28, 2011 8:21 AM
27	Holding students more accountable.Their success is up to them.Encouraging parents to take responsibility for their childrens education.	Oct 28, 2011 8:15 AM
28	Consistent, clear consequences for students; Students should be involved with staff in setting up these consequences; students need to be involved in the administration of the school - they are in the hallways when the supt. and BOE are not. They need to be listened to.	Oct 28, 2011 4:57 AM
29	I don't now maybe doing what's best for the child not the school and def involving the parent some are still very involved	Oct 28, 2011 3:57 AM
30	make the curriculum more creative.	Oct 28, 2011 1:54 AM
31	The parent pick up and drop off is a mess!!!!	Oct 27, 2011 11:38 PM
32	Instead of teaching the students to pass the standardized tests, teach them the actual subject matter and they will STILL pass the tests and learn something in the process. When a classroom has several unruly kids who disrupt the learning of the who actually want to learn, get them (disruptive students) out of the classroom so the others can learn. By keeping them in the classroom (so they can "learn", when they don't want to) results in having an entire classroom of students	Oct 27, 2011 11:30 PM

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	that get nothing out of that class.	
33	Evaluate teachers who are new (less than 5 years) on a regular basis and listen to a parents complaint and take it seriously. I am a C-A graduate and I have never seen anything like what this school is now. It is awful in regards to the teachers. Not all teachers are in that category but there are several I can list that I have had back to back problems with.	Oct 27, 2011 11:20 PM
34	There should be a specific program for advanced students, just like there are special services for students with special needs.	Oct 27, 2011 10:43 PM
35	wish we had more gov't money for more teachers and fire special education coordinator!	Oct 27, 2011 9:49 PM
36	I believe the school district should get involved in no bullying. All should be involved, parents, students, teachers, board members, etc.	Oct 27, 2011 9:40 PM
37	Make staff more accountable as far as noticing and intervening when students are harassed, teased, and otherwise bothered by others.	Oct 27, 2011 9:30 PM
38	Improve sports programs a lot. Pop warner.	Oct 27, 2011 8:58 PM
39	Provide more supervision in the high school Have experienced administrators as disciplinarians (putting the special education director into a discipline position- when students are disciplined it shouldn't be weeks after they received a referral. It should be within a few days. Some teachers are way too easy on kids that distribute dangerous behaviors- more drug enforcement an alternate learning classroom for disruptive kids or at risk kids	Oct 27, 2011 7:57 PM
40	Creating an accelerated classroom for each grade or an enrichment period for the advanced kids while the others who need extra help receive it.	Oct 27, 2011 6:48 PM
41	Raise academic and behavioral expectations. Punish the kids who get in trouble. Teachers and staff dress, conduct and behavior should be more professional.	Oct 27, 2011 6:48 PM
42	get new teachers and better, more progressive, and fun learning methods to teach leadership, group learning, considerations of others, and self-expression so to promote self-esteem.	Oct 27, 2011 6:14 PM
43	Offer more advanced classes.	Oct 27, 2011 6:10 PM
44	Having the teachers in the classroom more.It seems that teachers have to many meetings and are not in the classrooms as they should be. My child has had a substitute 7 days out of the last 14. More organization is needed. More structured teaching programs Teach strong the basics and then get into the other aspects of the subject. If children can master the	Oct 27, 2011 6:06 PM

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	basics they will do much better in the subject.	
45	Be Honest we expect the same from you that you expect from our children	Oct 27, 2011 5:49 PM
46	Invite kids to open house. It makes it feel more like a community. One parent has to stay home with the kids. Minor issue.	Oct 27, 2011 5:27 PM
47	As a parent who believes in letting the school educate our kids... There are to many parents who are not cleared to be around our kids at the school. For example....Parents that are observing class to become a teacher. Parents bringing things to school for kids. What about the parents that strive everyday to make our kids responsible?? Why should when I go to the school a couple times a year see the same parents there all the time....	Oct 27, 2011 4:52 PM
48	Improved use of edline by teachers. Increased use of online or business programs; blackboard; wiki accounts, power point, excel, etc should be incorporated	Oct 27, 2011 4:48 PM
49	I know this is hard in todays world, but the class rooms are getting to big.	Oct 27, 2011 4:45 PM
50	Dump several art classes and music classes and add some math and science. The only way C-A graduates are going to be prepared for the jobs that pay living wages are to study math and science.	Oct 27, 2011 4:38 PM
51	Get rid of faculty and staff that have a reputation for being abusive to their students or fail to serve the needs of their children.	Oct 27, 2011 4:37 PM
52	*Make sure kids know about peer mediation. *	Oct 26, 2011 7:40 PM
53	Replace board, need new principals and overall leadership at school. Time will tell on new Supt.. HS principle spoke her mind and got fired. MS principal protects friends and is unresponsive, CES principal runs place on fear. Unfriendly place with no hope. Needs big shake up....parents that can afford it taking kids out.	Oct 24, 2011 10:36 PM
54	improved security, more enrichment activities/ clubs for elementary and middle school students	Oct 24, 2011 8:16 PM
55	New coaches or coach performance evaluation! New athletic director someone with a spine and who has the athletic program improvement as a agenda not just a supplemental paycheck. Administration needs to start listening to the parents. This survey is a start. Be more approachable. Parents are the boss when it comes to our kids it would do the administrators well to remember that. Hold teachers accountable for student performance it is their job to have every student excel academically. In the front of the high school just as you enter a banner hangs that states "The Pride Is Back" this is nice but not true. Efforts need to be made to make this statement true.	Oct 24, 2011 8:28 AM
56	More and updated technology available to students.	Oct 23, 2011 8:17 AM

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57	Ask and then listen and then make decisions based on the things you have learned. Too many decisions are made without consulting the parties that are involved. First the Teachers, staff, then the students/parents.	Oct 21, 2011 4:33 PM
58	as a parent there are times when I don't know about things that are going on in the middle and high school need more school/parent communication	Oct 20, 2011 7:44 PM
59	see question 16.	Oct 20, 2011 12:42 PM
60	In some cases, teachers are ready to give up on students. For example, our son struggled in algebra in 9th grade and at 5 week report we were advised to pull him out and place him in the two year course. We did not because we understood that his learning ability will catch up with his peers. He brought the 5 week report grade up 8 points and ended the course with about a 75 or so. If we had pulled him he would not have reached his potential and would have been in a slower moving class.	Oct 19, 2011 8:48 PM
61	explore the brainetics program for math foreign languages in the earlier grades	Oct 19, 2011 8:23 PM
62	It's difficult, I know, with the current economy and lack of state funds, but more teachers need to be hired to be able to provide our children with a quality education.	Oct 19, 2011 5:49 PM
63	More services for high functioning Asperger's/Autism kids. Parent support groups etc. Play groups. A night so parents and kids that are in the same class room can get together and learn about the other students that are interacting in their kids classroom.	Oct 19, 2011 2:44 PM
64	not sure as my sons is only in K.....it's our first year here but I went to C-A from 1st till I graduated in 95. the school distric has always seemed ok but there's always room for improvements....	Oct 19, 2011 9:25 AM
65	Do away with the "no child left behind" rule. In order to have a peaceful and safe environment, you must have the power and authority to remove repeat offenders.	Oct 18, 2011 8:57 PM
66	Having clubs moved back to 9th period is important. Keeping sports, clubs, music, art, and adding more college level classes are important.	Oct 18, 2011 1:11 PM
67	1. Dress code (CA logo t-shirts and khakis would work! Really!). 2. Demand that teachers, ALL teachers, use Edline. 3. Zero tolerance once rules are set (Ex.: if there aren't supposed to be ipods or phones in school, why are teachers allowing kids to use phones in class?). 4. Create files on inadequate teachers and PUT THINGS IN IT to build a case for dismissing a tenured teacher--if a parent complains, put it in the teacher's file (one teacher comes to mind. He is single-handedly destroying your music department and I don't believe there is one student who has an ounce of respect for the man). If a board member is voted off the board, do not have the arrogance to reappoint him (no matter how you	Oct 17, 2011 10:14 PM

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	rationalize it to yourselves).	
68	Allow students & parents to grade the teachers anonymously at end of semesters, use these as well as peer surveys to determine if teachers are doing a good job...then eliminate Tenure & Last In/First Out...base layoffs on survey data instead! Institute capped salaries for admin; Institute internships for HS students; Allow for more parent/grandparent volunteer opportunities (lunch, reading, library, art, music, etc)	Oct 17, 2011 2:39 PM
69	class size too large	Oct 17, 2011 10:51 AM
70	I know C-A is one of the only School's in our surrounding district's that continue to have a summer project. I must say these project's cause a lot of aggravation within the household and cause's to must stress on the children.	Oct 17, 2011 10:20 AM
71	Continue to promote learning, respect, American values and traditions. Thank you all for a fantastic job you do for our future leaders.	Oct 16, 2011 9:10 PM
72	Some teachers should be evaluated on how they handle their students and/or parents when trying to address as problem. Instead of blaming "cut backs" on their performance and attitude as a teacher. Everyone is affected by this economy but giving up is not going to help. I can't say this for all the staff, but when students & parents see this... the affect will be like dominos.	Oct 16, 2011 7:11 PM
73	more repairs to school like painting, heating in locker rooms, etc.	Oct 16, 2011 3:30 PM
74	Bring back a Dean of Discipline in the High School	Oct 16, 2011 1:41 PM
75	If a child is in band DO NOT take them out of an important class for band lessons. Especially, if a test is scheduled.	Oct 16, 2011 11:44 AM
76	Fire the CSE chair. Provide more help sessions for those who need it and take an active part in making sure they use the extra help time.	Oct 16, 2011 10:41 AM
77	Consistent placement of students with special needs, as the needs arise throughout the year, so they also have success in school. Hiring certified school library media specialists for the two elementary schools, so it is not put in the district budget for one year, and removed the next.	Oct 16, 2011 10:33 AM
78	None at this time.	Oct 15, 2011 10:23 PM
79	see #16	Oct 14, 2011 10:06 PM
80	I've wondered this for a while -- why is the last period of the day in MS and HS optional? Why aren't students required to	Oct 14, 2011 1:31 PM

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	stay or have this period used during the day (varying times to make it manageable) to use as a study hall or academic period, during which students could complete assignments with help from educators (rather than on their own as many students lack educational support at home).	
81	Add Preschool / Let the teachers & parents have a say in Special Education. Parents of students with Special needs have enough on their plate without having to fight Pat Gray for their children's needs. Very sad.	Oct 14, 2011 1:01 PM
82	sophmore, junior and senior year should have chance to travel at a reasonable group rate//. some public schools are returning to school uniforms. i believe coxsackie should be one of them. /if this was mandated, this would be an uproar at first with some but the end result would benefit all./and the c-a academic ratings would improve	Oct 13, 2011 8:50 PM
83	Training for office staff at EJA *****Increase security at EJA*****	Oct 13, 2011 7:40 PM
84	fresher, more nutritious meals	Oct 13, 2011 7:18 PM
85	Curious as to the feasibility of a single bus run school day, has it ever been reviewed? Potential for an extended 4 day school week or full year school year with vacations included (such as winter and spring vacation).	Oct 13, 2011 7:06 PM
86	They should bring back a wider variety of foreign language,	Oct 13, 2011 6:45 PM
87	K-4 may need a program to challenge those children who are prepared for higher levels of math, reading etc.	Oct 13, 2011 5:07 PM
88	Better communication between administration and parents.	Oct 13, 2011 2:01 PM
89	more 9th period opportunities to develop in areas (the arts) that have been downplayed by budget constraints.	Oct 13, 2011 10:56 AM
90	Fix your staff and the rules be strict and enforced for EVERYONE.	Oct 13, 2011 10:49 AM
91	get a new school board	Oct 13, 2011 10:27 AM
92	add air conditioners and supportive staff and teachers and keep the school open all year round. one or two weeks off between grades. that way the students has an time to learn. Not to teach to just pass the state testing. Teach to have the kids learn and to open interest to the kids, like art...ect.	Oct 13, 2011 8:22 AM
93	Clean House! This upcoming board election it would be in the schools best interest to vote out all remaining incumbents. Principles and school officials should be put on notice that the lines of communication need to improve. Remember the parents are the bosses and we should be afforded that respect. The athletic director should be replaced with someone interested in the success of our sports programs. The teachers need to work together from grade to grade a cohesive,	Oct 13, 2011 7:20 AM

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	uniform form of course work not just state mandates. 9th grade ELA should feed 10th ELA and 11th and so on that does not seem to be the case.	
94	Stop the games & politics and do what's right	Oct 12, 2011 10:15 PM
95	Keep honor classes going in the HS like they were in the middle school. I think MS ..for CA that is 5th grade is awful young for no recess at lunch time!! These kids need to get outside.	Oct 12, 2011 9:48 PM
96	Better communication of activities for enrichment opportunities.	Oct 12, 2011 9:48 PM
97	Ideally, I'd love to see state/federal mandates and standardized tests all go away. They do nothing but inhibit creativity and encourage "teaching to the test." Realizing that mandates are not going away any time soon, I'd settle for additional opportunities for students to learn how to overcome their weaknesses.	Oct 12, 2011 9:12 PM
98	Foster developments with local companies and use their services as well. Ipads for all or at least laptops Have the board of education members attend regular classes and see what happens daily	Oct 12, 2011 8:25 PM
99	Communication. To be fair, it has improved somewhat with info posted on the website. However, communication is particularly important when changes are made to class scheduling and academic restructuring. Please don't assume because a change has been in place for a while that all the parents know about it. If the school day changes from the year before, provide explanation on the schedule sent home and not cryptographic alphanumeric schedule we have now. Better yet, just explain what is going on and why on the schedule every year. And, accept no poor behavior at board meetings. Staff should be held to a high standard of professionalism. You are all teachers and academic staff. I expect nothing less than pros. Go ahead and laugh. It doesn't matter. I won't lower my expectations of you and don't you lower your expectations of me. I am responsible for my child's education; you help me and, in turn, I help you.	Oct 12, 2011 6:05 PM
100	Although the economy is in a very poor state we should try to find the best teachers we can to fill the few openings we have. Parents should be encouraged to get involved as much as possible. Hopefully this can replace some of the after school activities that have lost funding.	Oct 12, 2011 5:16 PM
101	Ask students anonymously to tell which teachers aren't teaching properly and which students are causing them distractions from class work.	Oct 12, 2011 4:46 PM
102	NO BULLYING	Oct 12, 2011 4:41 PM
103	*keep class sizes small	Oct 12, 2011 4:26 PM
104	Punish children appropriately for unacceptable acts. "Administrative detention" is not much of a deterrent to a child who	Oct 12, 2011 3:38 PM

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	consistently disrupts the class.	
105	Additional opportunity for parental involvement in the middle and high schools would illuminate parents to the needs and workings of the CA schools.	Oct 12, 2011 2:28 PM
106	Middle and High School needs to be greatly improved. Advanced Students need to be challenged more, and need to keep up with larger schools in our area.	Oct 12, 2011 2:12 PM
107	The dress code should not be as bad as it is, discrimination must be stopped, same with special privileges, and most of all they need to focus on the discipline of children performing PDA. By not doing enough about it the students are feeling free to do whatever they want and they are getting away with other things that shouldn't happen as well.	Oct 12, 2011 9:11 AM
108	Increase opportunities for students to connect to 21st century workforce skills. Greater link to internships and technology programs. More hands on learning opportunities at all levels.	Oct 12, 2011 8:44 AM
109	Better use of Edline so parents can stay on top of their children's grades. Rules that apply to everyone! Students with failing grades should not be allowed to play sports for at least 2 weeks until their grades are passing. Counselors should get to know students better so when it comes time for their recommendations to colleges they truly know their students. Counselors should also be more helpful in the college prep program for students and parents. No matter how old a student is, teachers need to understand that some parents do want to be a part of their child's education and should welcome them with their concerns. Better supervision before, during and after schools. A more welcoming environment upon entering the school. Stricter discipline for students constantly breaking the rules. More classes offered to those that want to be challenged and need to prepare for college.	Oct 12, 2011 8:44 AM
110	We need to evaluate all the needs of the students and start teaching what the children need. We need to have teachers who want to be there for the students and not for the pay check.	Oct 12, 2011 8:42 AM
111	This past election should have spoken volumes, with all the incumbents being voted out on the board but with reinstatement of a voted out member highlighted the lack of concern the board has for the families of the district. Improve communication, better transparency regarding the action and agenda of the district. Improved support for our students including athletics and extracurricular programs. Weed out the poor staff including teachers with poor job performances and get an athletic director willing to care about our school pride and performance.	Oct 12, 2011 7:10 AM
112	Change in the reading program because I feel like my child isn't progressing at all. Also a change in security.	Oct 11, 2011 11:04 PM
113	There is a definite need for students who perform well to receive accelerated services. The focus has always been on the needy students and those students who perform at a higher level are forgotten. Suggestions have been made in the past but efforts to challenge these students remain unanswered.	Oct 11, 2011 9:01 PM

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114	when a parent calls with a concern, take care of it	Oct 11, 2011 8:34 PM
115	Communication should be worked on , changing required summer reading from a mandatory book to a choice of a few which could be genre specific historical fiction,fantasy depending upon grade level. This would circumvent the tedious task of reading a book you have no interest in-which could create a non-reader to a reader. Improve the math department especially in the MS. There are teachers there who are so scattered that the learning environment suffers. Have students who recieve ISS or 4-6 program even detention work around the school-weeding the flower beds picking up trash from the playgrounds etc.	Oct 11, 2011 8:28 PM
116	Parents and Children alike should not be made to feel that they are doing something wrong when they ask for an evaluation or help for the students that need help. I.E.P 's and 504 plans should be explained and put into place before the school starts not weeks after school starts. Teacher's should be made aware before school. Starting the program after school has started for a child with a 504 or such after wards only ads to the confuse of the child and teachers.	Oct 11, 2011 7:54 PM
117	One thing I think no teacher should do is scream at the children. In our school we have a few that yell alot. Yelling doesn't solve things.	Oct 11, 2011 7:18 PM
118	Do not hire someone to figure out ways to save money, a few years back that was done, it is common sense. Throwing money, that is not the school systems- it is the taxpayers- is not an answer. A strong initial effort is required, after the money is gone, how is it taken back? It is not. Whatever happended to the \$3,000.00 that a PTO president stole last year? My bet is it is gone for good. Abandon nepotism and intimidation.	Oct 11, 2011 3:30 PM
119	The school is top heavy in administrators. We need to focus on educating all the students, not just the at risk. There needs to be a new schedule for clubs and activities so that all students have the opportunity to participate.	Oct 11, 2011 1:58 PM
120	Get rid of the summer homework projects. Most teenagers are working or don't do them until September anyway.	Oct 11, 2011 1:24 PM
121	I suggest decreasing the amount of homework because my children get home for school and are stressed and barly touch their dinner because the excuse is "ill eat when i am finnished" meanwile it is just about 8:00 When they finished and it is time for them to get in their beds.	Oct 11, 2011 11:24 AM
122	no homework because when my child gets home he is to stred	Oct 11, 2011 11:16 AM
123	I think the district might take into consideration starting all the schools at the same time. That would ease a lot of safety issues(i.e. kids home alone before or after school due to schedule conflicts, crossing-guards for ALL students. these are just a few safety issues) one of the biggest problems in our school is bullying. There are way to many incidents that never get reported because the students are too scared and know that if they say something, they WILL be targeted more. We need to bring back BASIC, FAIR discipline for ALL students.	Oct 11, 2011 10:37 AM

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124	Get rid of Pat Gray.	Oct 11, 2011 10:35 AM
125	Implement some type of program where school issues are communicated more effectively to the community and attempt to get more of the parents and community involved in developments that are directly impacting their children.	Oct 11, 2011 9:20 AM
126	stop teaching to test - allow time to master a subject - require all teachers to use ed line completely - longer class periods for core subjects- only certified subs- end tenure!!! China is not the country to "borrow" teaching methods from. They are in the midst of reforming their education system.- K-12 should work seamlessly together.	Oct 10, 2011 11:29 PM
127	-give more help to the kindergarten teachers who have a number of challenging students in their class. -I hear great things about the elementary school, but not so great things about the middle and high schools. Work to improve test scores. -At a dinner a few years ago, I was shocked to hear a high school teacher say, "well not many people in Greene County need 4 year college degrees, considering the jobs that are available here." Change the mindset. How do we teach our kids to aim high if our teachers are not doing so?	Oct 10, 2011 9:16 PM
128	not sure yet - just started kindergarten	Oct 10, 2011 9:14 AM
129	Replace the Middle School Princap Mr. Proper. He was not fit for School Administrator and he is clearly not fit for the principal postion.	Oct 9, 2011 3:20 PM
130	Communication between school and home once children leave elementary school should be improved. We supply all our contact information and a phone call or email if there are any concerns would be greatly appreciated rather than waiting for progress reports or report cards.	Oct 9, 2011 2:46 PM
131	I think the bullies should get into trouble and punished but it seems the victims get punished. I think the principal at EJA should run the school and the ladies in the office. I also think Mr. Martino should be more involved rather than Mrs. Legace.	Oct 8, 2011 5:07 PM
132	Communication - I believe the more the community knows about what is going on at the school, the more connected and invested they will become. Use email, synervoice, newsletters to push the message out. Don't wait for people to come to the website to find out what going on.	Oct 8, 2011 12:51 PM
133	use technology to offer more options to students (e.g. additional language choices, higher-level courses)	Oct 8, 2011 12:08 PM
134	Healthier food choices from K-12, especially Elementary School. More one on one with kids who need the extra help, More assemblies or constant reminder on how to deal with peer pressure, bullying ect. More training and test preps for the kids to be able to be comfortable taking a state test or ELA or SAT ect.. More focus on scholars and incentives should be given to kids that are borderline and more mentoring of what best educations and counseling they need to	Oct 8, 2011 9:15 AM

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	prepare themselves for college. I would be interested to know what the college retention rate is and HS drop out is at CA for the past 10 years and that be analyzed and how they can do better for the ones that tend to fall behind.	
135	Incorporate opportunities for enrichment- foreign language classes in elem. ed. years, for example. Sign language, even. Enrichment in small groups. More opportunity for outdoor learning.	Oct 8, 2011 8:27 AM
136	Too much testing. Three marking periods would be enough and would eliminate a round of testing.	Oct 8, 2011 7:50 AM
137	Honors Science in 9th grade. Scholars program in MS for 5th and 6th grade.	Oct 7, 2011 11:01 PM
138	Major investigations to Dusharm and Lagas. Have board understand true responsibilities of social worker and get a FT one in place for MS and HS.	Oct 7, 2011 9:46 PM
139	My son just started kindergarten. I do not have enough experience to comment.	Oct 7, 2011 9:26 PM
140	For the athletes, find someone who can help them prepare for a successful college search. And academically, challenge more students to take higher level courses.	Oct 7, 2011 9:13 PM
141	Be fair and equitable with choices, be sure they are monitored, provide academic assistance for all students. Articulation deficits have been proven to affect reading and socialization of students in numerous studies.	Oct 7, 2011 9:09 PM
142	Look closely at teachers before the tenure process, evaluate them and make sure we are getting the right "fit" for our school and our children.	Oct 7, 2011 8:46 PM
143	If 5-12 teachers could list assignments with the grade received and then the mean as some teachers do on EdLine if would be more helpful to parents. This gives a parent a much better idea of how the child is doing than only giving simply an overall average. If my child is matching or higher than a mean then things are fine, below the mean I start to ask my child what they need to do to get back where they should be. With only an average I have to guess if they are doing their best, and often have to 'bug' the teacher with an email so I have a better idea. Also having the worksheets available on EdLinefor a reprinting at home as needed on as some do would also be very helpful.	Oct 7, 2011 8:25 PM
144	The two elementary schools should work more closely together and have a better form of consistencies such as field trips, lessons, and social activities. They need to act more as one district and not as two schools	Oct 7, 2011 7:49 PM
145	i know its a state level but how about teaching our kids to teach them, not teaching around state testing. I had state tests (back when) and i have done just fine with being taught to be taught!	Oct 7, 2011 7:49 PM
146	ban cell phone use during the day for teachers in the classroom	Oct 7, 2011 5:26 PM

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147	There should be more consistency at the high school. Each teacher spoke of a different grading, corrections, late homework and makeup policy at open house last night.	Oct 7, 2011 3:42 PM
148	Academics.A just settling attitude. Poor athlete support	Oct 7, 2011 2:25 PM

Page 2, Q20. CA schools have high standards for student achievement.

1	I believe the teachers are good cheerleaders for the students. They need to stress above and beyond state standards at an early age.	Oct 31, 2011 12:13 PM
2	Need more AP courses. kids that dont get on the track early should be able to get into these classes later.	Oct 28, 2011 10:08 AM
3	See weaknesses.	Oct 28, 2011 9:36 AM
4	CA may have high standards, however, the teachers make it impossible for the students with anytype of disabilities to achieve any positive achievements.	Oct 28, 2011 8:44 AM
5	Depends on who the student is	Oct 28, 2011 5:00 AM
6	but this, I think, parrots the entire state of NY	Oct 27, 2011 11:36 PM
7	Teaching to the test...not teaching for excellence.	Oct 27, 2011 10:51 PM
8	It is difficult with disruptive behaviors in the classroom	Oct 27, 2011 8:01 PM
9	National Honor Society is a JOKE.... Parents doing kids work and taking kids to just fill up the program for the sake of not wanting the "names" in the community to complain. Do the work get the Honor. Right??	Oct 27, 2011 4:57 PM
10	Very impressed with this.	Oct 27, 2011 4:56 PM
11	no stardards, academics a joke with no teacher focus.	Oct 24, 2011 10:40 PM
12	Some teachers do some do not.	Oct 24, 2011 8:32 AM
13	Great emphasis is put on State Testing rather than student achievement	Oct 19, 2011 5:53 PM
14	not sure just yet on this question stay tuned	Oct 19, 2011 2:47 PM
15	False. False. False.	Oct 17, 2011 10:19 PM
16	BUT*** Honor roll could be 90+	Oct 17, 2011 2:47 PM
17	Having students in both general education and advanced classes, there's a huge dichotomy of the expectations. I was disappointed at open house last year, the general education teachers stressed the importance of attendance and doing homework. The general education students are treated like dummies and are not given high expectations.	Oct 16, 2011 10:49 AM

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18	But the standards are universal and based on the children's needs and diversities.	Oct 16, 2011 10:48 AM
19	My expectations are higher.	Oct 13, 2011 5:08 PM
20	find out what the child wants and needs to achieve before 11th grade to give proper credits where they are needed.	Oct 13, 2011 10:54 AM
21	As stated in earlier comments I do not think that is the case.	Oct 13, 2011 7:26 AM
22	only if you have the right last name	Oct 12, 2011 10:17 PM
23	I wish they would push the students a little more.	Oct 12, 2011 5:23 PM
24	They hold children in agreement to learn.	Oct 12, 2011 4:52 PM
25	Not sure - I don't have anything to compare them too	Oct 12, 2011 2:49 PM
26	Another thing, most teachers are like this depending which students. too much favoritism.	Oct 12, 2011 9:17 AM
27	Some teachers teach this way while others seem to not care.	Oct 12, 2011 8:46 AM
28	Only in some areas, such as state test performance. Not regarding areas such as the students preparedness for collage or athletic performance.	Oct 12, 2011 7:28 AM
29	I think they are working on this.	Oct 11, 2011 9:08 PM
30	This is difficult to answer there is alot of pressure to "perfor" especially for the state tests.I also feel it depends on the teacher and the individual student regarding high standards.	Oct 11, 2011 8:32 PM
31	Always felt that EJA gave my children a great start and then it went down hill.	Oct 11, 2011 2:01 PM
32	Standards are too high. Students are not absorbing what they are taught.	Oct 11, 2011 10:38 AM
33	don't know, maybe as high as we can afford these days.	Oct 10, 2011 11:45 PM
34	Not sure	Oct 10, 2011 9:18 PM
35	Would love to see math clubs, chess clubs, jazz band as examples of pushing beyond the norm.	Oct 10, 2011 3:06 PM

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36	The standards are not held high for whom the school district hires for our children therefore it falls true about not having high standards for our childrens achievemnet.	Oct 9, 2011 3:30 PM
37	put so much focus is on teaching for standardized testing....	Oct 8, 2011 12:11 PM
38	would love to see more empasis on students who make great improvements rather than emphasising the accomplishments of the few that always excell	Oct 7, 2011 7:54 PM

Page 2, Q21. CA schools have high standards for teaching.

1	I think students should be able to anonymously evaluate their teachers.	Oct 31, 2011 12:13 PM
2	My only complaint is the Geometry teacher, Ms. Garrison	Oct 31, 2011 12:05 PM
3	there are excellent teachers, and some not so much (same as anywhere though)	Oct 31, 2011 8:57 AM
4	Do not have sufficient information to adequately respond.	Oct 28, 2011 2:15 PM
5	A certain english teacher in the High School should not be permitted to express her anti American and anti Christian beliefs in the classroom.	Oct 28, 2011 10:37 AM
6	See weaknesses.	Oct 28, 2011 9:36 AM
7	teachers only care about themselves and their pay check	Oct 28, 2011 8:44 AM
8	There seems to be a fair amount of "teaching for the test"- NYS tests that is.	Oct 28, 2011 8:13 AM
9	I do not know enough about this to answer.	Oct 28, 2011 6:14 AM
10	From what my child tells me, some teacher don't teach, some foist their opinions (unrelated to the subject) on the students.	Oct 27, 2011 11:36 PM
11	Most of the teachers are wonderful, it is the system that is broken. And of course, resources is a factor.	Oct 27, 2011 10:51 PM
12	more communication in the math department	Oct 27, 2011 9:32 PM
13	Again, behavior problems are disruptive to kids that want to learn	Oct 27, 2011 8:01 PM
14	Excellent faculty and staff!	Oct 27, 2011 4:56 PM
15	A few very good teachers with most watching clock. 8th period requirement a joke.	Oct 24, 2011 10:40 PM
16	Read past comments.	Oct 24, 2011 8:32 AM
17	Some teachers are absolutely fantastic, a real asset. Others are playing politics and pulling the strings they have. You need to look into special ed. Are these teachers really doing their job? A good job? or are they just babysitting? Ask for their lesson plans!!! Observe, observe observe. On the whole I am satisfied with the teachers at C-A. The majority of them are professional, caring good teachers. Also the staff - Teaching Assistants are important here too. Many students	Oct 21, 2011 4:41 PM

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	will make a connection with a T.A. and not a teacher. T.A.'s fill in the gap and are important in the whole process.	
18	Most of the teachers my child has had have had the children's best interests in mind and have tried their best, given their circumstances.	Oct 19, 2011 5:53 PM
19	not sure on this one yet also stay tuned	Oct 19, 2011 2:47 PM
20	Although I do believe you have some truly outstanding teachers in the district.	Oct 17, 2011 10:19 PM
21	I've seen alot of wasted time, down time, in hallways & classes as reported by my students	Oct 17, 2011 2:47 PM
22	From our experience, we've had good teachers and bad teachers. Overall we are pleased with the advanced teachers, but the general education teaching has the students marginalized.	Oct 16, 2011 10:49 AM
23	But not enough help or time is given to truely provide the differentiated help needed within each classroom.	Oct 16, 2011 10:48 AM
24	I wish all schools had as much care and the additude as your school has with the kids.	Oct 14, 2011 4:53 PM
25	They teach to get good grades on standardized tests. They do well little to prepare the student for college.	Oct 13, 2011 11:42 PM
26	Feel that some teachers are there to collect a pay check and may not be doing a job they enjoy (Ms. Yost)	Oct 13, 2011 7:10 PM
27	Some teachers need to retire and let new more knowlegable teachers in.	Oct 13, 2011 6:53 PM
28	Some teachers do thier best.	Oct 13, 2011 7:26 AM
29	I am continually amazed at all the special ed kids/ with special needs that are mainstreamed into our childrens class. It at times makes it impossible for the students to learnd	Oct 12, 2011 10:03 PM
30	Most of the teachers my children have had were good teachers and took the time for them.	Oct 12, 2011 4:52 PM
31	Again - is there a standard to use for comparison	Oct 12, 2011 2:49 PM
32	Depends which school	Oct 12, 2011 2:14 PM
33	In most casses	Oct 12, 2011 10:58 AM
34	My child's teachers are very wonderful and work really hard with her to help her.	Oct 12, 2011 9:17 AM

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35	Teachers have been exceptional in all areas except math. My oldest has had 3 years with various math subs for a majority of the year. When she was in middle school a math teacher was not hired until February. This is unacceptable. Due to teacher illnesses, she has had two other years with subs in math for a great portion of the year. CA seems to have a tough time with qualified math teachers.	Oct 12, 2011 8:49 AM
36	Too much emphasis on state test. It seems the district is more concerned for their grade then the overall teaching of our students	Oct 12, 2011 7:28 AM
37	As with many things in life there are exceptional teachers, there are teachers who do what they have to remain and there are teachers who just should not be teaching.	Oct 11, 2011 9:08 PM
38	Again it depends on which department and which school .	Oct 11, 2011 8:32 PM
39	Most teachers are highly qualified, they are just distracted with what I would call the red tape, and have much less time to focus on instruction.	Oct 11, 2011 2:01 PM
40	this is one of the places where the hands are tied due to union rules. tenure should be done away with and the teachers who can not teach should be gone.	Oct 11, 2011 10:42 AM
41	Some of the teachers are great, others no longer care.	Oct 11, 2011 10:38 AM
42	not sure some days	Oct 10, 2011 11:45 PM
43	Not sure	Oct 10, 2011 9:18 PM
44	There are some teachers that are not fit to teach but, they are still there!	Oct 9, 2011 3:30 PM
45	true in some areas, seriously lacking in others	Oct 7, 2011 9:15 PM
46	There are some GREAT teachers and some AWFUL teachers and the rest fall in between. Wish we had more GREAT ones	Oct 7, 2011 8:49 PM
47	i think middle school is lacking here, but elementary is great	Oct 7, 2011 5:29 PM

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1	some will	Oct 30, 2011 7:31 AM
2	Some teachers have been better than others	Oct 28, 2011 9:57 AM
3	they have been helpful for the most part	Oct 28, 2011 9:36 AM
4	Only if I lead the charge.	Oct 28, 2011 9:36 AM
5	my son had the 504 in place and the teachers refused to do what I asked for! " because they had to many students to cater to one"	Oct 28, 2011 8:44 AM
6	Have not felt this way in passed years	Oct 28, 2011 5:00 AM
7	its everyone else that doesnt	Oct 28, 2011 4:01 AM
8	some do, some don't. One who did got let go	Oct 27, 2011 11:36 PM
9	MOST of them.	Oct 27, 2011 9:32 PM
10	If the parent initiates.	Oct 27, 2011 6:51 PM
11	Only with parental involvement/follow-up.	Oct 27, 2011 6:51 PM
12	I am always kept informed.	Oct 27, 2011 4:56 PM
13	I'm concerned that the union rights of the teachers have more imput than their current work with students	Oct 27, 2011 4:52 PM
14	Have tried, and failed. Some good teachers, but most don't care. Union/Board fights have taken its toll.Plus most teachers don't live in area.	Oct 24, 2011 10:40 PM
15	Communication is not a strength of CA schools.	Oct 24, 2011 8:32 AM
16	They are always available 9th period and other times.	Oct 21, 2011 4:41 PM
17	Over the years and going through three children we have had a very positive experience.	Oct 19, 2011 8:54 PM
18	My sons Kindergarten teacher has talked with me about my childs progress from day one, I really like her alot!	Oct 19, 2011 9:28 AM

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19	Has been true at CE. Inconsistent at CAMS.	Oct 17, 2011 10:19 PM
20	Depends on the teacher.	Oct 16, 2011 7:17 PM
21	They care, because we care. We attend open house and respond to emails.	Oct 16, 2011 10:49 AM
22	Not all teachers.	Oct 14, 2011 9:25 PM
23	For my MSer, no need for my HSer	Oct 14, 2011 1:31 PM
24	With teachers in the past few years, not always the case.	Oct 13, 2011 7:10 PM
25	I feel that most teachers don't look out for my child's best interest	Oct 13, 2011 6:53 PM
26	some teachers at EJA don't know the students well - they are too into their own personal lives	Oct 13, 2011 4:15 PM
27	This is an issue that needs much work here at CA and nation wide.	Oct 13, 2011 7:26 AM
28	some do but others are there till something better comes up	Oct 12, 2011 10:17 PM
29	Ms. Fori once engaged work to help my child succeed.	Oct 12, 2011 9:54 PM
30	when the parents are involved the school goes out of its way to work with you and your child to offer the best academic plan	Oct 12, 2011 5:23 PM
31	I have had no problem with this in the past.	Oct 12, 2011 4:52 PM
32	Again if CE yes	Oct 12, 2011 2:14 PM
33	Absolutely. They work very hard with her.	Oct 12, 2011 9:17 AM
34	Some of the teachers. I have encountered some that don't.	Oct 12, 2011 8:46 AM
35	Some do and some do not. Again the emphasis seems to be on preparing the students for state assessment exams.	Oct 12, 2011 7:28 AM
36	I take a great interest in my child's school and this would never be an option for a teacher.	Oct 11, 2011 9:08 PM
37	most not all	Oct 11, 2011 10:42 AM

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38	Only some will.	Oct 11, 2011 10:38 AM
39	when its a teacher that cares	Oct 10, 2011 11:45 PM
40	There has been many times that we have called for a teacher conference and nothing changes.	Oct 9, 2011 3:30 PM
41	All the teacheres we've encountered at the elementary level have been wonderful. However, we've had some difficulty with teachers in the middle school and definatly felt that they were not interested in whether or not our child succeeded.	Oct 9, 2011 2:49 PM
42	Not this year. Very disappointed!!!!!!	Oct 8, 2011 5:11 PM
43	I feel that if the my childs grades are acceptable to the teacher they will do nothing to push him to what he is capable.	Oct 7, 2011 11:54 PM
44	My sons teachers have always worked to help my son succeed in school	Oct 7, 2011 10:49 PM
45	these teachers are the best	Oct 7, 2011 7:51 PM
46	It's on a case-by-case basis. My kids are fine, because the teachers know us.	Oct 7, 2011 3:44 PM

Page 2, Q26. I feel nervous and apprehensive when I have to call or visit a CA school.

1	I am only apprehensive about approaching the office staff because they are so rude. The teachers are very approachable.	Oct 30, 2011 9:29 PM
2	At eja. The woman who mostly answers the phone is sarcastic and rude. She dosent need to be near children. She made me feel stupid when I called with a question. When I asked a question she replies. We did send that information home already. She has an annoying voice which isn't te issue but maybe some one can tell her to leave her sarcasm at home.	Oct 29, 2011 10:15 AM
3	I think they are intimidating at the office and wish you would not come in and bother them.	Oct 28, 2011 10:21 AM
4	Disliking the new automated menu. It took me 5 minutes (I timed it) to reach someone to help me.	Oct 28, 2011 8:37 AM
5	but always seems like a fight	Oct 28, 2011 4:01 AM
6	I have been treated terrible by employees that are thankfully no longer employeed with the school. Office personal are not always helpful either and some are not very friendly. So it does not make for a pleasent visit. I haven't had one of those yet and my son has never been sent to an office for behavior.	Oct 27, 2011 11:25 PM
7	Ms. Gray does not have the social skills to deal with many parents and students	Oct 27, 2011 8:01 PM
8	I really dislike the window in the middle school it makes me feel unwelcome	Oct 27, 2011 7:56 PM
9	Secretary's come across as being rude!	Oct 27, 2011 5:12 PM
10	Parents are not welcome in the school. I have no idea where my daughter sits, or who my son's teachers are. I have been accosted about not having a name tag as I've quickly dropped off staff luncheon dishes. I have not been allowed to escort/help my daughter leave for late-day dental appts, while other parents spend hours in the classrooms and halls. Inconsistency, and inflexibility are what I dread about visiting a school.	Oct 27, 2011 5:00 PM
11	office staff is abrupt and rude	Oct 24, 2011 8:21 PM
12	have a real person answer. Lose the voice auto attendant!	Oct 20, 2011 12:44 PM
13	Though I am nervous thinking about having to deal with a situation, I ultimately find most people very receptive & helpful. But EJA doesn't welcome you in-they seem to be busy to bother looking up & saying hello, can I help you?	Oct 17, 2011 2:47 PM
14	often certain teacher make us fear retaliation	Oct 17, 2011 10:20 AM

Page 2, Q26. I feel nervous and apprehensive when I have to call or visit a CA school.

15	Depends on the reason of the visit.	Oct 16, 2011 7:17 PM
16	Some often feel I'm looking for excuses as to why my child isnt succeeding, when I'm actually looking for help. Some will not allow for individual differences and hold every child to the same measure.	Oct 16, 2011 10:48 AM
17	I feel like I can call any time Im ready	Oct 14, 2011 4:53 PM
18	When i call them, they do not call me back.	Oct 14, 2011 1:36 PM
19	I don't feel uncomfortable because when I do feel a need for concern I'm not afraid to voice my opinion to teachers	Oct 13, 2011 6:53 PM
20	the kids become targets	Oct 13, 2011 10:54 AM
21	Very hesitant to call - don't want to bother staff.	Oct 13, 2011 8:12 AM
22	I feel my ealier comments sum this up.	Oct 13, 2011 7:26 AM
23	I state my concerns openly but most of the things i say go unanswered, unacknowledged, and to me that is disrespect.	Oct 12, 2011 9:17 AM
24	I do not think the school is overly concerned about the parents.	Oct 12, 2011 7:28 AM
25	# 25, and #26 would have been different if it were last year, I didnt want to call the school and I didnt feel like a part of the school community. Last year and this year the guidance counselor has been wonderful.	Oct 11, 2011 3:37 PM
26	there are times that I do, if i don't know all that is going on.	Oct 11, 2011 10:42 AM
27	Concerns are used against students and parents are labeled as problem parents.	Oct 11, 2011 10:38 AM
28	Not comfortable calling the CE office.	Oct 10, 2011 3:06 PM
29	I feel 100% welcome	Oct 8, 2011 8:28 AM

Page 2, Q27. I feel comfortable talking with teachers about my child.

1	Depends on the history of my child in the class	Oct 31, 2011 12:13 PM
2	Its not that easy to "talk" to teachers. Its mostly email conversations. It can be extremely difficult to set a time to talk with a particular teacher, they are not that available. I have felt run around when trying to meet with a teacher. I have a certain one in mind. They have children to get to, etc., can't stay 9th or have kids 9th and then have to leave, etc. Weeks can go by, and I think they hope you will give up.	Oct 28, 2011 10:21 AM
3	With this student I have in school at this time I dont have any problems its the three students that have graduated that I had the problems with.	Oct 28, 2011 8:44 AM
4	they try to gloss over issues that I may bring up, and always defend their position, even iff they may be wrong	Oct 27, 2011 11:36 PM
5	Some teachers do not feel the need to respond to my concerns.	Oct 27, 2011 11:25 PM
6	We are actively involved parents and will not allow ourselves to feel inimidated or swayed. This is too important.	Oct 27, 2011 10:51 PM
7	Most teachers are responsive to emails, so we communicate this way most often.	Oct 27, 2011 5:00 PM
8	I feel there are some teachers that when a child does not do well quickly blame the parents or look for the quick the student is a problem to not allow the FACT that a teacher may be the problem.	Oct 27, 2011 4:57 PM
9	Most teachers are approachable and responsive...but not all	Oct 27, 2011 4:52 PM
10	Some but not most of the time. Middle School is real bad	Oct 24, 2011 10:40 PM
11	I have no issue voicing my feelings with my children's teachers, I doubt that they listen.	Oct 24, 2011 8:32 AM
12	However, Ms.Bryon & Ms.Feldle are not.	Oct 17, 2011 2:47 PM
13	Not all teachers are approachable	Oct 17, 2011 10:20 AM
14	MOST of the teachers, of course I have had bad experience with this as well before	Oct 16, 2011 7:17 PM
15	With my child's teachers.	Oct 15, 2011 6:01 PM
16	When I have and issue I let them know	Oct 13, 2011 6:53 PM
17	sometimes - dependent on the teacher	Oct 13, 2011 4:15 PM

Page 2, Q27. I feel comfortable talking with teachers about my child.

18	the kids become targets	Oct 13, 2011 10:54 AM
19	As I stated some try to do thier best.	Oct 13, 2011 7:26 AM
20	Their have been a few educators that have made it difficult to have an objective conversation about my children.	Oct 12, 2011 2:33 PM
21	As I have said, my child's teachers really want her to succeed and are trying really hard. It makes me happy and they deserve the most commendation.	Oct 12, 2011 9:17 AM
22	With some teachers not all!	Oct 12, 2011 8:46 AM
23	Some teachers are very receptive regarding parent concerns some are not.	Oct 12, 2011 7:28 AM
24	I have not had to talk to any of the teachers for my child yet.	Oct 11, 2011 3:37 PM
25	most of the teachers, not all	Oct 11, 2011 10:42 AM
26	this year..	Oct 7, 2011 9:48 PM
27	I use email mostly unless it is a huge concern	Oct 7, 2011 8:49 PM
28	I know its early but Mrs Fori has definitely made sure that my child has the right tools for a successful year	Oct 7, 2011 7:51 PM

Page 2, Q28. I feel really comfortable each time I call or visit this school.

1	MS Office staff grouchy!	Oct 30, 2011 9:54 AM
2	At eja. The woman who mostly answers the phone is sarcastic and rude. She dosent need to be near children. She made me feel stupid when I called with a question. When I asked a question she replies. We did send that information home already. She has an annoying voice which isn't te issue but maybe some one can tell her to leave her sarcasm at home.	Oct 29, 2011 10:15 AM
3	It has gotten even worse lately, I have been trying to avoid coming because it has been ridiculous. I was not allowed to bring the ski club form to the library and I was quizzed a million questions about why I needed to see Ms. Bayzon.	Oct 28, 2011 10:21 AM
4	Irrelevant, I call/visit when it is necessary.	Oct 28, 2011 9:36 AM
5	Basically the same question as #26 posed in opposite way.	Oct 28, 2011 8:32 AM
6	not so much uncomfortable, more like I'm a bother	Oct 28, 2011 8:13 AM
7	Eja office is quite intimedating makes you feel like a student	Oct 27, 2011 9:03 PM
8	I've been there for 9 years, so I am comfortable even if I am not welcome.	Oct 27, 2011 5:00 PM
9	A joke please. Kids and environment is disrespectful	Oct 24, 2011 10:40 PM
10	other than the office staff	Oct 24, 2011 8:21 PM
11	As stated in pasr comments CA is not an open community school.	Oct 24, 2011 8:32 AM
12	Mrs. McDonald is an asset to the Cox Elem Office	Oct 17, 2011 9:02 PM
13	Again, EJA secretaries can be hot or cold.	Oct 17, 2011 2:47 PM
14	The lack of attention of the office staff when enter into the office.	Oct 16, 2011 9:29 PM
15	The people are rude.	Oct 14, 2011 1:36 PM
16	If I have an issue I want them to know	Oct 13, 2011 6:53 PM
17	the kids become targets	Oct 13, 2011 10:54 AM

Page 2, Q28. I feel really comfortable each time I call or visit this school.

18	Not at all. The state of this district and the poor leadership over the past few years has made CA less then hospitable.	Oct 13, 2011 7:26 AM
19	I do not feel comfortable calling that's when most of the disrespect i recieve tends to happen.	Oct 12, 2011 9:17 AM
20	With the poor leadership of the school over the past few years the school has become a place you just can not feel comfortable or trust.	Oct 12, 2011 7:28 AM
21	In the past I have reached out to the school board president about an issue I felt very strongly about and he never returned my call. I feel confident that the changes on the board are good changes and that my experiences have changed for the better.	Oct 11, 2011 9:08 PM
22	The year has not been in session long enough to judge that.	Oct 11, 2011 3:37 PM
23	See question #26	Oct 11, 2011 10:38 AM
24	The women in the office at EJA are rude. They don't acknowledge you when you walk in the office and they act like you are taking up their precious time. I can't say it enough. Very very rude!!!	Oct 8, 2011 5:11 PM
25	Mr. Martino and teaching staff are phenomenal.	Oct 8, 2011 8:28 AM

Page 3, Q33. Based on your own experience or impressions, please indicate your opinion on how accurately the statement describes the future of education:

In 5-10 years, students' textbooks will be accessed online or placed on mobile devices such as tablets or smartphones.

1	Get rid of textbooks. Have teachers use a variety of sources instead of one textbook.	Oct 31, 2011 3:35 PM
2	For the sake of the students' backs I hope so.	Oct 31, 2011 12:13 PM
3	but i disagree w/it. I work in IT and too much weight is placed there. They lose social skills required, and it's bad on the eyes.	Oct 31, 2011 9:44 AM
4	This would presume that all families have the means for such technology, which is not likely.	Oct 30, 2011 7:24 PM
5	I hope not	Oct 28, 2011 10:57 AM
6	However, I don't think it is a great idea.	Oct 28, 2011 10:31 AM
7	Cost should be prohibitive - why would we consider stopping the use of textbooks. I'm not a techno junkie and feel it would harm our children to continue in that line of thought.	Oct 28, 2011 9:59 AM
8	But are the schools going to provide the tablets? Parents can't afford them (this one can't!!!)	Oct 28, 2011 8:37 AM
9	I would hope not	Oct 28, 2011 3:28 AM
10	good idea if properly implemented, a lot of students will most likely abuse/lose the devices.	Oct 27, 2011 11:43 PM
11	But I do not like the idea, unless they are also still available in printed form.	Oct 27, 2011 9:39 PM
12	Textbooks are a waste of natural resources. Tablets/laptops would be less expensive and materials easily updated.	Oct 27, 2011 7:03 PM
13	For cost savings we should issue a Kindle or IPAD to kids with a backup or two in class. Based on storage and the overall cost of a book or two for all the classes a child takes I think it would save the district money. Also, more accountable for budgets.	Oct 27, 2011 5:09 PM
14	I am strong advocate for this	Oct 27, 2011 5:00 PM
15	Except at C-A where they fear technology and have a Tech officer who has no clue. Consultant used also is weak. Real area of concern. Stuck in the 80's	Oct 24, 2011 10:51 PM
16	i don't think its necessary***too pricey, risky	Oct 17, 2011 2:59 PM

Page 3, Q33. Based on your own experience or impressions, please indicate your opinion on how accurately the statement describes the future of education:

In 5-10 years, students' textbooks will be accessed online or placed on mobile devices such as tablets or smartphones.

17	some School's within our County are currently using.	Oct 17, 2011 10:20 AM
18	Many more pros than cons for this future of education	Oct 16, 2011 7:25 PM
19	Print materials will still be necessary.	Oct 16, 2011 11:00 AM
20	not all family can afford that .	Oct 14, 2011 9:34 PM
21	BUT I disagree with it -- students need a book to hold, feel, look at, read	Oct 14, 2011 1:37 PM
22	there are still too many without accesss to electronic media	Oct 13, 2011 11:01 AM
23	But i an not sure if the parents are all going to be able to afford the educational needs at the time.	Oct 13, 2011 8:31 AM
24	Certainly hope so!!! Ensure up to date current information - light, easy to access!! This will be the way of the world so I want my kids to learn these skills now!!!	Oct 13, 2011 8:16 AM
25	Please make this happen within the next year or two	Oct 12, 2011 8:32 PM
26	The increased call for computer access is positive; yet their are students/families in our community who are unable to provide these devises and my concern is the potential for acedemic descrimination of such students.	Oct 12, 2011 2:47 PM
27	love to know where the money for the moblie devices are coming from	Oct 12, 2011 11:37 AM
28	hoping sooner than 5 years!	Oct 12, 2011 8:56 AM
29	printing in America is big buisness,maybe as a suppliment	Oct 11, 2011 12:11 AM
30	Maybe not here. Hard to see this district understanding how to transition.	Oct 8, 2011 12:46 AM
31	for a few classes perhaps	Oct 7, 2011 9:23 PM
32	I hope not. Books should never be totally replaced.	Oct 7, 2011 8:29 PM
33	we need to gear up for this now and move forward and be the school of the future that sets examples for others to follow	Oct 7, 2011 8:04 PM

Page 3, Q33. Based on your own experience or impressions, please indicate your opinion on how accurately the statement describes the future of education:

In 5-10 years, students' textbooks will be accessed online or placed on mobile devices such as tablets or smartphones.

34 i hope not

Oct 7, 2011 7:56 PM

35 If the schools get their funding only. People must not be subsituted for the convience of technology

Oct 7, 2011 2:40 PM

Page 3, Q34. How comfortable would you be if your child was given a mobile device such as a netbook or tablet to complete schoolwork, access their textbooks and teachers's notes, read library books, as well as communicate, via a secure platform, with their classmates and teachers?

1	It makes sense. I tihnk you will find students to be more engaged if they can talk with other anytime outside the classroom. Good way to have them devleop skills needed in real world.	Oct 31, 2011 3:35 PM
2	takes a lot away from the 1:1 teaching and learning how to work with people. It will be sad to see that.	Oct 31, 2011 10:17 AM
3	my children are in kindergarten and grade 3, too young for that responsibility in my opinion	Oct 30, 2011 9:36 PM
4	Really. You need to ask? Elementary children. Really.	Oct 29, 2011 10:20 AM
5	I think this is too much "screen time" and they need to be in a discussion or doing a hands on project with students and teachers.	Oct 28, 2011 10:31 AM
6	Are you trying to undermine the human factor??? Why not just have robots teach then?	Oct 28, 2011 9:59 AM
7	The district should not be providing these non-essential accessories. Do not put excessive finanacial burden on the districts' residents and do not continue to move away from reading, writing, and communicating in the competitive professional world.	Oct 28, 2011 9:51 AM
8	my daughter has one now for one of her classes and loves it!	Oct 28, 2011 9:44 AM
9	My daughter is very responsible with what is put in her hands.	Oct 28, 2011 9:07 AM
10	I assume it would need to be returned at end of school year - I would not be comfortable with the cost of replacement if something happened to it.	Oct 28, 2011 8:37 AM
11	Who would pay for this?	Oct 28, 2011 8:19 AM
12	whom will supply the blocking soft ware?	Oct 28, 2011 3:28 AM
13	Again, only if they were still also available in printrd form.	Oct 27, 2011 9:39 PM
14	with controls for safety	Oct 27, 2011 7:44 PM
15	Children need to be able to speak confidently to another person and not hide behind a computer	Oct 27, 2011 6:16 PM
16	Wasted tax money!!!!!! What a joke!!! Fix the toilets first. Electronics should be tools, not primary sources.	Oct 27, 2011 5:12 PM

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17	Folks...You need to get on board. We no longer need a librarian nor a library you should be working to phase these people and the books out. You need to reuse the space for classes. Let the local library handle the books etc if they can continue to pass their budgets and survive.	Oct 27, 2011 5:09 PM
18	less stress on their backs from carrying the book bags	Oct 27, 2011 4:59 PM
19	It is the way of the world....we must compete. Good luck getting past the obstacles placed by board members, teachers and Tech staff.	Oct 24, 2011 10:51 PM
20	Before we jump on the WiFi band wagon I would like to have more research of this technolgy and its affects on children - physically, mentally etc.	Oct 21, 2011 4:49 PM
21	I feel as though the typical high school student may not be responsible enough to have in their possession such expensive equipment.	Oct 19, 2011 9:08 PM
22	As long as the class itself isn't done on the internet.	Oct 19, 2011 3:02 PM
23	middle or high school would be fine but not comfy with it in elementary	Oct 19, 2011 9:35 AM
24	Books are WAY too heavy to cart around - it's ridiculous!	Oct 18, 2011 2:58 PM
25	If CA had better control of its student body (did you go to the recent homecoming dance???!?) and also was consistent with the implementation of school rules, I would be. But that is a stretch.	Oct 17, 2011 10:29 PM
26	loss, theft, damage, NO THANK YOU!	Oct 17, 2011 2:59 PM
27	Text books are too heavy to carry around in a bookbag	Oct 16, 2011 7:25 PM
28	The technology changes regularly and to keep up with the advancing changes is expensive. Students regularly use edline already.	Oct 16, 2011 11:00 AM
29	I worry about visual processing disorders and too much 2 dimensional viewing. It is not the optimal way to visually process information. Many teachers aren't aware of this.	Oct 16, 2011 10:55 AM
30	I hope books don't become obselete.	Oct 15, 2011 10:35 PM
31	For my HSer (AP Courses) -- also taking into account the cost and responsibility needed to understand and assume the	Oct 14, 2011 1:37 PM

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	cost (if replacement is necessary).	
32	worry about health of child with use of electronics. also social concerns as this may cause less time in a classroom	Oct 13, 2011 9:05 PM
33	would not want to be responsible if it was damaged	Oct 13, 2011 7:47 PM
34	Not willing to foot the bill!!!!	Oct 13, 2011 7:19 PM
35	My child is very responsible and respects school property so no I wouldn't have a problem with her getting one	Oct 13, 2011 7:09 PM
36	They dont have anything like that at home now, they would need to be taught how to use them first and myself to.	Oct 13, 2011 8:31 AM
37	only without web access	Oct 12, 2011 10:29 PM
38	I obtained my ninth grader's summer reading book for my Kindle. A bonus was that I could see immediately where he was in the book.	Oct 12, 2011 9:18 PM
39	How about CA is on the cutting edge of something for once.	Oct 12, 2011 8:32 PM
40	Except for the possibility of breaking	Oct 12, 2011 5:21 PM
41	I think that it is a good idea but also an easy thing to loose or displace	Oct 12, 2011 11:37 AM
42	This access is necessary in the world today.	Oct 12, 2011 8:56 AM
43	is the taxpayer paying for this? yes, so i dont think it is necessary, and it is not necessary to learn using these routes. learning to use excel spreadsheets, power point and to use these mediums is a better way to suit the needs of the children, we already have computers in the school. I do not see how using a smart phone or a tablet would enable the children to learn better or more. Smart boards are enough.	Oct 11, 2011 3:49 PM
44	It most likley would get broken, and I would be responsible.	Oct 11, 2011 10:45 AM
45	2 reasons: carpal tunnel, hand writing skills, nothing is really secure these days	Oct 11, 2011 12:11 AM
46	as long as face-to-face interaction was still planned	Oct 8, 2011 12:17 PM
47	I would want to still respect the amount of "screen time" my child is exposed to at a young age.	Oct 8, 2011 8:33 AM

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48	Just worry about damage and liability	Oct 7, 2011 11:07 PM
49	At the 5th grade level I'm not sure an iPad is a good idea. It requires a level of maturity I don't think they're ready for at that age.	Oct 7, 2011 10:55 PM
50	kids are savvy...they'll figure ways around the security	Oct 7, 2011 9:23 PM
51	I believe that written word on paper serves an important role in not only education, but also brain development.	Oct 7, 2011 9:18 PM
52	For some things ok, but not all.	Oct 7, 2011 8:29 PM
53	Would love to see free wi-fi accessable to all while on school grounds	Oct 7, 2011 8:04 PM
54	this is where the world is going so if we want our kids ro succeed we need to embrace technolohy. that said, i would like to see the school sponsor a seminar talking to parents about how we can better utilize and understand technology to help our kids excel in school.	Oct 7, 2011 7:57 PM
55	My children are early elementary- not old enough to be responsible for such a device	Oct 7, 2011 7:16 PM

Page 3, Q35. Please indicate which statement best summarizes your position regarding students and mobile phones:

1	for emergency purposes only	Nov 2, 2011 4:06 PM
2	not lunch time, just before/after school	Oct 31, 2011 3:35 PM
3	maybe kept in there locker these kids are texting up a storm. In Febuary I attended a basketball game at the high school and could not believe all the kids on the benches texting. The cheerleaders were texting, putting down there phones and getting up to do a cheer. I looked down the bleachers and was astonished at all the texting going on.	Oct 31, 2011 2:15 PM
4	They should be silenced completely during class.	Oct 31, 2011 12:13 PM
5	takes their mind off of work, there is to much to do on a mobile phone. should be banned if a call home is needed them go to the office.	Oct 31, 2011 10:17 AM
6	ONLY when older - with parental controls. I needed this for my eldest to be able to communicate with him regarding my younger children.	Oct 31, 2011 9:44 AM
7	My daughter has one in a sports bag to inform me when they finish early.	Oct 29, 2011 3:56 PM
8	Only in case of an emergency.	Oct 29, 2011 10:20 AM
9	These should be for emergency purposes only. Not friend to friend all day daily texting.	Oct 28, 2011 1:59 PM
10	If they are allowed at all they will be used.	Oct 28, 2011 10:48 AM
11	This is neccessary in todays busy society. Kids need to stay connected to their parents. They don't need to be communication with other kids though. Maybe phones should be programed for just parents during these hours.	Oct 28, 2011 10:31 AM
12	They are a significant distraction, used routinely in school and during class. Be honest with yourselves these devices, without question, intefere with academic instruction and performance.	Oct 28, 2011 9:51 AM
13	I need to remain in constant contact with my child through out the day. this is the easiest way for us to stay in contact	Oct 28, 2011 9:29 AM
14	Students should be allowed to carry their phones and ONLY use them in case of an emergency to call their parents, such as LOCK DOWNS and such!	Oct 28, 2011 9:07 AM
15	I currently don't have a mobile phone, and certainly don't feel kids need them, especially in school. They're with the people they would want to call!!!	Oct 28, 2011 8:37 AM

Page 3, Q35. Please indicate which statement best summarizes your position regarding students and mobile phones:

16	Once my child asked to call home and was told no, I am more comfortable knowing she has a cell phone and can contact me when necessary.	Oct 28, 2011 8:26 AM
17	I think it's ridiculous that students are allowed to carry phones. They are not just phones, they can be used to cheat and the cameras can also be very dangerous. If a parent needs to get a hold of their child, they can call the school.	Oct 28, 2011 6:35 AM
18	it's too much of a distraction, we ALL went thru school fine with a cell phone or other electronic device. It's time education is taken seriously	Oct 27, 2011 11:43 PM
19	The office is very unreliable and often make remarks to my son when he needs to call for a ride home. A cell phone is becoming necessary once again.	Oct 27, 2011 11:30 PM
20	Cell phones can be used to communicate to others during lunch and it would eliminate the getting up and moving to other tables. There would be more control, less getting into trouble.	Oct 27, 2011 9:48 PM
21	Would be best to check the phones at the classroom door. We all know kids txt during class.	Oct 27, 2011 7:03 PM
22	Only HS students should be allowed to have cell phones. A ten year old does not need a phone in school.	Oct 27, 2011 6:54 PM
23	Kids use these devices to share and receive information. Apps and acces to word processing would benefit kids. iCal and goodglw calendars would be great to help organize students.	Oct 27, 2011 5:33 PM
24	With more families needing dual incomes and being at work during the day, mobile phones are a great way for parents keep in touch with children and direct where they may need to go after school	Oct 27, 2011 5:00 PM
25	Should be allowed with rules. If rules broken take them away. Teach respnscibility. Same with laptops. How can Catskill give them to students and C-A not allow them in the school????	Oct 24, 2011 10:51 PM
26	The students cell phone should only be used as a fast way for parents to contact their children after school. This is important to maintain communication about transportation and after school plans.- after school clubs, sports etc.	Oct 21, 2011 4:49 PM
27	they're going to do it anyway! Especially in an emergency!	Oct 20, 2011 12:51 PM
28	mopbile phone com in handy after school or sports practices for parents to pick a child up.	Oct 19, 2011 9:08 PM
29	Phone usage should be for parent contact only	Oct 19, 2011 6:01 PM
30	This is only for the after school purpose for kids to communicate with a parent after school is closed.	Oct 19, 2011 3:02 PM

Page 3, Q35. Please indicate which statement best summarizes your position regarding students and mobile phones:

31	Students do have them and will carry them whether we like it or not but I think that there use should not be allowed in class.	Oct 18, 2011 9:26 PM
32	I believe that is the current rule, but it is not consistently enforced.	Oct 17, 2011 10:29 PM
33	Only in case of an emergency.	Oct 16, 2011 9:47 PM
34	Mobile phones for after school.	Oct 16, 2011 9:17 PM
35	Emergencies excluded for incoming and outgoing calls.	Oct 13, 2011 7:19 PM
36	they may need them to call police when they get robbed, jumped, beat up	Oct 13, 2011 11:07 AM
37	It's not up to the school to monitor the students usage as much as it is the parent's responsibility that they know respect. Phones should be for emergency use only except maybe at free time.	Oct 12, 2011 2:55 PM
38	if there is a problem at school or my child has to stay 9th I would like to know so i'm not worrying when they don't turn up home	Oct 12, 2011 11:37 AM
39	Phones can be helpful for after school activities and pick up times. They are a serious distraction during the school day. How does CA protect students in the locker rooms against cell phone cameras?	Oct 12, 2011 8:56 AM
40	Mobile Phones cause many distractions but they do act as a means of communication between parent and child for after school activites.	Oct 11, 2011 9:15 PM
41	I have had a child bullied in the past and they were so scared. I dont want to see a child distracted by the phone they should be able to carry the phone	Oct 11, 2011 8:04 PM
42	this is sometimes the only way parents have of knowing if their child is safe.	Oct 11, 2011 10:51 AM
43	However they should be allowed to use them to notify parents of emergencies or plan changes for after school activities.	Oct 11, 2011 10:45 AM
44	turned off, in pocket or purse, unless proven to be unreliable	Oct 11, 2011 12:11 AM
45	They should be kept in lockers. There is no reason why a parent can't call the school to relay a message to a child, if it's that important.	Oct 10, 2011 9:27 PM
46	I have had to leave a message for my child with the hope that he could access the message during lunch and respond to	Oct 10, 2011 7:35 PM

Page 3, Q35. Please indicate which statement best summarizes your position regarding students and mobile phones:

	me.	
47	they should only use them to contact parents if they are staying late.	Oct 10, 2011 12:45 PM
48	Only to reach a parent or guardian.	Oct 8, 2011 5:16 PM
49	I don't see phones being a problem other than in the classroom	Oct 7, 2011 9:23 PM
50	Except in an emergency	Oct 7, 2011 9:18 PM
51	They should be turned OFF during classtime.	Oct 7, 2011 8:29 PM
52	This is an area where you must be willing to change as frequently as the technology and society changes	Oct 7, 2011 8:04 PM
53	the texting is out of control.	Oct 7, 2011 7:57 PM
54	except in case of emergency or arranging ride hone etc. Not necessary for them tobe chatting/texting all day across the classroom from each other	Oct 7, 2011 7:16 PM

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1	would love to see foreign language much earlier in school	Nov 2, 2011 4:06 PM
2	more clubs, more difficult advanced classes	Oct 31, 2011 12:13 PM
3	foreign language is best taught at elementary level.	Oct 30, 2011 9:36 PM
4	Offer more summer sports camps, Research and implement Singapore Math approach to teaching Mathematics	Oct 28, 2011 7:30 PM
5	Definitely need to offer language earlier. Any enrichment class or technology class would be welcomed. Exposure to businesses and types of jobs is a good idea.	Oct 28, 2011 10:31 AM
6	Focus on previously specified weaknesses. Focus more on instruction related to the English language not foreign language, and help our students become proficient communicators (verbal and written) in the English language. Focus, focus, focus on academic instruction.	Oct 28, 2011 9:51 AM
7	Start teaching a foreign language in Kindergarten, as they do in other countries	Oct 28, 2011 9:07 AM
8	American Sign Language should be offered as a language	Oct 28, 2011 5:03 AM
9	more art and music in their days	Oct 28, 2011 2:01 AM
10	NO Pre-K! CA could tone down K drilling, also, and reincorporate fun learning.	Oct 27, 2011 5:12 PM
11	French what a joke....	Oct 27, 2011 5:09 PM
12	More physical activity. Gym every day, longer recess time	Oct 26, 2011 11:44 AM
13	We must get better at basics before you expand. Current quality is very low. New programs like pre k not priority with financial limitations.	Oct 24, 2011 10:51 PM
14	I have made statements in past comments that best fit this category. We need to improve what we have before adding more.	Oct 24, 2011 8:36 AM
15	Think Global. I would love to see more languages offered like Italian, German, Japanese, Chinese.	Oct 21, 2011 4:49 PM
16	There is what is called distance learning where courses are offered through a telecast. Such a program would come into play if we consider utilizing combined services with other districts. Instead of students sitting in study hall, even on the 5th	Oct 19, 2011 9:08 PM

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	grade level, we could offer classroom experiences and electives.	
17	Stop reducing music and the arts. Studies have proven that music and the arts are vital to the mental and emotional development of a child.	Oct 18, 2011 9:26 PM
18	I would like to see more college level classes being offered at the high school level, not AP classes.	Oct 18, 2011 1:14 PM
19	I don't know how any of these things can even be considered before the current disasters are remedied.	Oct 17, 2011 10:29 PM
20	Chinese seems worthy of learning	Oct 17, 2011 2:59 PM
21	Have a social skills club or group for children with special needs.	Oct 15, 2011 10:35 PM
22	earlier music lessons, special "math olympics"	Oct 13, 2011 5:16 PM
23	children learn more at an early age, should start foreign language in K	Oct 13, 2011 11:07 AM
24	seminars in the arts	Oct 13, 2011 11:01 AM
25	You need to fix what you already got not add new things to an already poor program.	Oct 13, 2011 7:30 AM
26	Involve parents that have something to offer.	Oct 12, 2011 6:12 PM
27	All important!	Oct 12, 2011 8:56 AM
28	Honors classes in 9/10 grades.	Oct 12, 2011 7:56 AM
29	The children at the elementary level need a "9th period" to help them with areas of weakness or confusion.	Oct 11, 2011 1:30 PM
30	languages ar earlier grades would be beneficial to all, as children learn easier when they are younger.	Oct 11, 2011 10:51 AM
31	Spend more time fulfilling special education requirements	Oct 11, 2011 10:45 AM
32	all the above	Oct 11, 2011 8:38 AM
33	mentor program, visit a 4 yr. college in 8th or 9th grade,	Oct 11, 2011 12:11 AM

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34	enrichment in grades K-3	Oct 10, 2011 9:20 AM
35	Poughkeepsie starts teaching foreign language in 3rd grade	Oct 8, 2011 5:16 PM
36	Include American Sign Language as an option!	Oct 8, 2011 8:33 AM
37	NONE of the above. Better focus on higher level courses already offered.	Oct 7, 2011 9:23 PM
38	Offer more college credit classes in the high school.	Oct 7, 2011 8:32 PM
39	Offer sign language as an optional language course	Oct 7, 2011 8:04 PM

Page 3, Q41. I trust CA schools to work in my child's/children's best interests.

1	As long as the teacher doesn't have a personal agenda.	Oct 31, 2011 12:13 PM
2	Although the Guidance office has not been very helpful with coursework or future planning	Oct 28, 2011 7:30 PM
3	Trust is a funny thing, I would say I am trying to trust and constantly working behind the scenes to make sure they are and to supplement where needed.	Oct 28, 2011 10:31 AM
4	The expectations of staff and students is too low.	Oct 28, 2011 9:51 AM
5	With the exception of one or two past experiences...	Oct 28, 2011 8:19 AM
6	teaching to the test is not in my child's best interest	Oct 28, 2011 2:01 AM
7	If I had the money I would have taken my kids out of the school a long time ago. Looking to move to better district.	Oct 24, 2011 10:51 PM
8	I feel more trust with teachers/staff than Administrators. - Again because of the numbers	Oct 21, 2011 4:49 PM
9	#39-EJA yes, not so much MS/HS except for expected involvement at home. #41-I don't trust anyone much, not good question. I *think* most faculty believe this	Oct 17, 2011 2:59 PM
10	Certain teacher's need more accountability	Oct 17, 2011 10:20 AM
11	As much as any other bureacracy.	Oct 15, 2011 10:35 PM
12	I believe they want our kids to exceed their limit in their education.	Oct 14, 2011 5:00 PM
13	But I still know my children best.	Oct 13, 2011 8:31 AM
14	I do not think that is the case. As stated in past comments.	Oct 13, 2011 7:30 AM
15	My past comments sum up my feelings here.	Oct 12, 2011 7:35 AM
16	THIS STANDS FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL	Oct 11, 2011 8:04 PM
17	i know they try. it's not always easy, especially if the kids don't tell what they need.	Oct 11, 2011 10:51 AM
18	My children have been ostracized by the school district.	Oct 11, 2011 10:45 AM

19 Spelling errors on questions #50 and #52?

Oct 10, 2011 9:27 PM